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### ASK YOURSELF

**1. "Our preparation for helping him will involve also an effort at trying to understand . . ."**
**2. "In the tasks to which they are assigned, I find they combine efficiency and gracious courtesy."**
**3. "Thus my defense work falls into two general fields . . ."**
**4. "*The Link*."**
**5. "Only the church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign . . ."**
**6. "Hostel for Girls in Liberia."**
**7. "Manila is wrecked!"**
**8. "I am glad to thank you and all the families you know."**
**9. "Our Town."**
**10. "The primary purpose of the seminar."**

## News Flash

### TATUM-DUNN VOWS ARE SAID IN NEW YORK

**Of wide interest is the marriage of Miss Noreen Dunn, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Dunn, to Lt. Candler E. Tatum, United States Navy Chaplains Corps son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tatum, of Abanda, Alabama, which was solemnized on Thursday evening, February 1, at 8:30 o'clock in historic John Street Methodist Church in New York. The Rev. Robert Dolliver, pastor of the church, officiated.**

**Miss Sadie Garth, of Nashville, Tennessee, was the bride's only attendant.**

**The bride was graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and received her M.A. degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She was a member of the faculty of Scarritt College in Nashville for four years and prior to that time was connected with the Board of Missions of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Nashville for a number of years. In July she was elected to her present position as one of the secretaries of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church with offices in New York. She will continue her work while Lieutenant Tatum is on sea duty.**

**Lieutenant Tatum was graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and received his B.D. degree from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. Before entering the service he was connected with the Board of Christian Education of the North Alabama Conference of The Methodist Church.**

# The Cross, An Amazing Paradox

*By* **HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK***

WELL, HERE IS THE PARADOX. The Cross of Christ, supremely in history, has elevated and dignified man's sense of his essential worth and possibility. Man, cries the New Testament, is the "brother for whose sake Christ died." So the same Cross that revealed man at his worst made man believe in himself at his best. That is a strange paradox. . . .

This, however, leads us to a deeper paradox. **The Cross was a crushing defeat of righteousness and yet it was one of the greatest victories that righteousness ever won.**

Here in this church today and throughout Christendom a mystery is present: Nearly two thousand years after the event we are celebrating during the Easter period one of the most colossal failures of history. On Palm Sunday Jesus swung round the brow of Olivet and amid the hosannas of the crowd, but by Friday the crowd was crying, "Crucify him!" He had failed. He trusted his disciples to be the nucleus of the coming kingdom of God, but one betrayed him, another denied him, and they all fled. . . .

What can we make of the enigma that the future belongs to that failure? Of course, in understanding that enigma one cannot leave the Easter message out, the exultant reassurance of the disciples as the conviction dawned upon them, however it arose, that Jesus was not dead, but alive. Along with that, however, is a companion fact that ever since has made not merely Easter morning but the Cross itself a source of Christian triumph. Here is the mystery: the most potent and impressive factor in the moral experience of man is vicarious self-sacrifice. The Cross itself has in it a paradoxical duality: on the one side it is failure complete and awful; on the other it is power, the most impressive and moving power in man's ethical experience, the potency of a life that gets at the heart of the world by caring enough about the world to die for it. So one of the most colossal defeats of righteousness in history became one of the greatest triumphs righteousness ever won. . . .

In days like these we may well be grateful for this paradox at the heart of the gospel. If the future belonged to the things that seem to succeed, then were all our hopes undone today, whether of democracy, or Christianity, or decent human brotherhood. But there is something in the world deeper and stronger than the things that succeed, namely, the things that fail, the things that are everlastingly right and that honorably and sacrificially fail. They are the strongest elements in the world. George Tyrrell, a brave soul fighting a hard battle for his truth against many enemies, wrote once: "Again and again I have been tempted to give up the struggle, but always the figure of that strange Man hanging on the Cross sends me back to my desk again." So! That "strange Man" hanging on the Cross, the colossal failure, whose pierced hands still hold the future in their grasp! . . .

This, then, is the conclusion of the matter, the crowning paradox of all. The Cross was a denial of God, a blatant, cruel denial of God, and yet it was supremely the revelation of God. Why across the centuries, through changing world views and theologies, has the cross of Christ so held the fascinated attention of mankind? This, I suspect, is the main reason: Our life itself is an enigma, and it takes an enigma to meet its need. What good would Christianity be to us today if it were centered and confined in the lovely stories of Bethlehem, with adoring Wise Men and shepherds and singing angels? That is no adequate representation of what life confronts us with. **Life is a mysterious, baffling, often tragic enigma, and the Cross, which is an enigma, too, talks to our true estate—a huge, historic tragedy that yet takes in you and me, a revelation of man at his worst that yet awakens faith in man at his best, the worst that can happen that yet turns the best to the brave, a crushing defeat of righteousness that yet is one of the greatest victories righteousness ever won, and so a supreme denial of God and yet has supremely revealed him. Thus the enigma of human life is matched and illumined by the enigma of Calvary:**

> When I survey the wondrous Cross
> On which the Prince of Glory died.

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* Extracts from a Palm Sunday sermon by the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick contained in his book, Living Under Tension. Published by Harper & Brothers. Used by special permission.

Official U. S. Army photograph

United States Army soldiers, attached to the Air Corps, attending church services in North Africa

# After He Comes Back

*By* **MARION J. CREEGER**

***Executive Secretary the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Committees***

A FEW DAYS AGO I received in my mail a very attractive and helpful little pamphlet from the office of the Surgeon General of the United States Army. The front cover tells a story that thousands of women in America are passionately hoping they can tell their friends some happy day before long. The picture is of the front door of a typical American home. The door has been left standing open, and, propped against the right side of the frame, is a dufflebag which obviously has been dropped there by "Robert A. Green" as he hurried into the house. Below the picture are two words: "He's back."

Beyond that open door and discarded dufflebag—the deep joy of being at home again and the poignant happiness of reunion! But beyond that door are also many problems in adjustment for both the returned serviceman and his family. If that happy day of homecoming, for which mothers, wives, and sweethearts have longed and prayed, is not to give way to days of disappointment, sadness, and tension, we must begin preparing ourselves now for the time "After He Comes Back." This preparation can best be made by cultivating a broad and sympathetic understanding.

We need to understand, first of all, that all servicemen will come back greatly changed. It cannot be otherwise; change is one of the basic laws of human living. When change is no longer possible, life on any of its levels ceases. Life is always becoming something other than what it is at any given moment. Such is the natural result of the host of experiences that come with every passing day, of the multitude of influences that play upon our lives from our environment; and of our changing ideas, hopes, dreams, and purposes. The more numerous and the more intense the experiences are, the greater will the change be. So, change as such is not something to be feared or dreaded; it is to be welcomed—and *understood.*

If the homecoming of the serviceman is to be a happy experience for him, we at home must cultivate an appreciation of what has happened to him in the process of being converted from a civilian into a soldier and then reconverted from a soldier into a civilian. The two ways of life are radically different; they aim at opposing values and personal qualities. In civilian life independence, individual initiative, and personal responsibility are important; in military life they are largely out of place. There the individual—the peculiar—qualities must be constantly suppressed in the interest of uniformity and regimented action. In the army men are trained of necessity to respond automatically to the will of another and to function as one tiny part in a vast machine. The important decisions affecting his behavior are not made by the individual, but by another. By the same token a large measure of the moral responsibility for his behavior is assumed by the nation that forcibly lifted him out of the civilian way of living and demanded of him unquestioning obedience to its commands. For all, this sudden reversal of life creates difficult adjustments; for some, profound emotional conflicts. The vast majority of American men, however, make the transition from civilian life to military life with amazing speed and success. The evidence is seen in the way in which our civilian soldiers have stood up to the professional soldiers of the dictatorships.

Ewing Galloway

Thinking of home

The reconversion process, however, is much more difficult for our men. It is a much longer process. It takes time to learn again how to make decisions for one's self even in the little routine things of daily living and to take personal responsibility for one's decisions. It is necessary to learn all over again many of the commonplace conventions of polite civilian life. Often the return to civilian life is attended by a great loneliness and a sense of unreality and lostness. The friends and loved ones at home have not shared with them their intense experiences, their bitter hardships, their haunting fears. They are afraid they will not be understood. Much of what they have learned in the services has no place in the civilian life of the community; it now must suddenly be unlearned.

It has been said on good authority that it takes from three to six months to make a soldier out of a civilian, but it takes from eighteen months to three years to make a civilian out of a soldier. Many factors determine the length of time required by the individual serviceman for his reconversion to the civilian way of life. One of the most important is the patient understanding of those he loves.

It is important, also, for us who have remained at home to remember that we, too, have been changed by our experiences while our sons, husbands, and lovers have been in military service. Our experiences have taken us in one direction; their experiences have taken them in another. The result is that the gulf between us has widened at both ends. We need to understand how we have changed; also, that this change in ourselves may make us seem very strange to him when he returns.

Our preparation for helping him will involve also an effort at trying to understand some of the attitudes and needs he will bring back with him. These will vary widely with different men. No one man will have all the attitudes or needs mentioned here, but a part of our advance preparation is to admit them as possibilities. Some will be bitter over the whole experience. This feeling is born of a sense of injustice. He knows that someone had to do the fighting and endure the hardships and suffering; but of all the millions in America, why did it have to be he? If he wants to pour out his bitterness to you, let him. Listen quietly and sympathetically, but don't try to argue him out of his bitterness. For citizen-soldiers such a reaction has always been quite normal.

Akin to his bitterness toward the services will be his resentment against civilians. He may feel

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# WACS Miss Home and Church!

*By* **HARRIET SEIBERT**

WACS miss their church

"YOU HAVE NO IDEA how much we miss our homes and churches," said an attractive WAC lieutenant at the close of an evening service in which her girls had participated.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service was the first to answer the call for a worker who could serve as liaison between the churches and members of the Women's Army Corps.

During the months that it has been my job to be associated with the Women's Army Corps, I have been deeply impressed by the high caliber of the women I am meeting. In the tasks to which they are assigned, I find they combine efficiency and gracious courtesy to a degree which we might do well to pattern after in civilian life. Those who have administrative positions are as concerned for the welfare of their girls as any college dean. The girls have long hours of work—have classes drilling, "P. T." (physical training). They have to become adjusted to Army routine and military discipline. Yet they adapt themselves to the new life with remarkable fine spirits. Their sense of humor carries them through many of the less-pleasant experience of K. P., "gig," and "fatigue duty," and through the long night watches when they serve as "fire guards."

I am also finding out that in spite of mannish uniforms the girls who wear them are strictly feminine at heart. They are as interested as ever in the latest styles, and the new "hair-do's," the kind of corsages and hats being worn in civilian life. And how they love children! How they miss the children who were their friends at home! Many a time after a church service in town I have seen a WAC rush up to a Sunday-school pupil near at hand and, putting her arm around the youngster, say: "You remind me of my little niece (or it may be a sister or the neighbor's child) back home. I miss her so!" Little danger that girls like that will lose their fine feminine qualities, as has too often been feared!

The interest of girls in religion has also delighted me greatly. This is manifested by their attendance at chapels on the post, at church services in town, and their active participation in such programs. They are pleased when they can bring with them other girls not accustomed to church-going in civilian life. They are happy to witness for Christ when called upon to speak at Sunday-school classes or church meetings. They are interested in the welfare of other girls in their company—pray for them—and are as distressed as you and I when occasionally a girl is seen to fall below the ideals of the Corps. As I meet girls in their barracks and day rooms, in places around town, it seems perfectly natural to be talking with them of the things of the spirit—about religious poetry, about their churches at home. Many have grown up in Methodist Church Schools, been members of Epworth Leagues and Youth Fellowships, of Wesleyan Service Guilds, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

With girls such as these we surely wish to keep in touch during these trying days of war. Many have husbands, brothers, sons, in service overseas. Some have lost loved ones. Churches in the neighborhood of posts of where I have served have been

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# "A Person Likes to Be Recognized—"

*By* **LENA O. YORK**

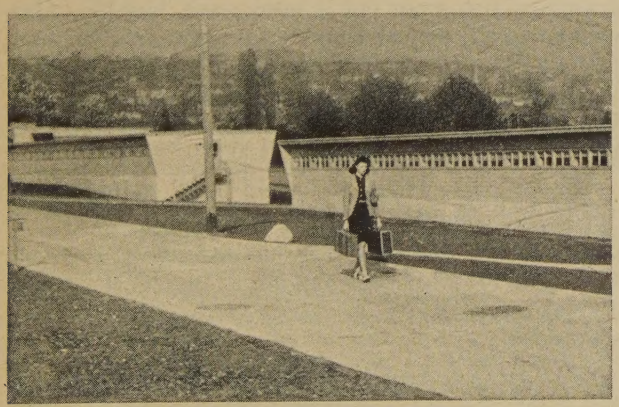
A PERSON LIKES TO BE RECOGNIZED and feel that that he has a real place in a church. A welcome at the door, a calf at home, inclusion in the work of a church program may be a determining factor in keeping a person or family in the church at this time. So many new families as well as single men and women have been scattered throughout established communities in defense areas that the churches need help in understanding their problems and in organizing programs to meet their needs.

Thus my defense-area work falls into two general fields. One is giving assistance to the local churches to work out their problems, and the second is developing programs in separate, often temporary, housing projects.

In one community the churches took turns in serving good home-cooked luncheons for the war workers, many of whom lived in dormitories. One girl said, "This is the first home-cooked food I have had in six months."

The other area of work involved organization of special religious programs in temporary housing projects where many people live close together but at some distance from the established churches. The leadership usually comes from the people in the projects and has to be "found."

A widowed mother, living in a trailer with her aged mother and four children, worked from 11 P. M. to 7 A. M. so that she could be at home during the day to care for her children. She offered to teach a class in the Sunday school if it were held in the afternoon. In the morning she wanted to keep her family in the established church and school she had found some distance from the project.



War Dormitory for girls at Seattle, Washington, working in Boeing Aircraft

A grandmother with three sons and two grandsons in the service helped with a class of junior boys and girls, both in Sunday school and vacation Bible school.

The newly elected Sunday-school superintendent said: "Wait till my brother hears about this. He has been the superintendent back home for years."

A boy of eight stopped the worker to ask if she was going to call on his mother. "If you are going to have a Sunday school, she would be a good helper, and I want to come along, too."

The projects present special problems in living. Boy and Girl Scouts were sponsored by the church group in one area. Informal group activities help fill the time. Once an eleven-year-old girl said: "I like to read but there are no books out here. I have read *True Story Magazine* and can understand most of the words." The church women of the larger community have set up a children's library.

After a Sunday-school party, run entirely by the local people, to which over two hundred had come where one hundred were expected, one committee member said: "Never worked so hard in our lives and we were not sure whether we would come through all right or not. But I for one never had such a good time in my life." That committee had not known each other or any of the guests outside of their own families two months earlier.

In some cases the project must use inexperienced young leadership and train it to do its work. In other cases it provides opportunity for those to continue during this uncertain time in their own homes. In every case, the work must adjust to emergencies on the job, in the home, and even in the old home town. These people are in the religious program touching a strand that can tie them to the good past and the hopeful future when they get over the feeling of living in a temporary world.

# Corporal Day's Wednesday Night Date

*By* **VIRGINIA E. BENNEWITT**

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"I am glad that you are reading the *Link*—so am I—It is all the name implies—"

WHEN WORDS SHOULD FLOW from your pen, the vocabulary of home—garden, crib, fireplace, pleasant memories—the sheet of blank writing paper is most discouraging. But there it is, naked and glaring. The questions—What awful experiences is he enduring? Will he have forgotten all about us and what we used to cherish? Has the war made him bitter?—flash in regimental fashion. You glance at his picture and then at Skipper, but no words appear.

What some of us need is reassurance straight from the battlefronts, such as that from Chaplain Reeves of the Third Marine Division on Bougainville. "My boys are doing some real thinking, and I might add that the 'experts' who decided there wasn't a return to religion in the services haven't got out to the South Pacific."

It is the unexpected which stirs our men to remain steadfast. It is the subtle Christian influences that will keep them human in spite of the foxhole and the blitz. Corporal Day's experience is neither singular nor unique—merely typical.

"One night close to the front lines in Italy, shells started bursting, and I had to hit a foxhole in a hurry. Guided by the light of gunfire, I slid into a most uncomfortable mudhole which no respectable fox would inhabit. As I wriggled into the proper curvature, my hand grasped an object foreign to foxholes. By the light of the next bombflash, I saw it was a miniature magazine with the unfamiliar title of *The Link*. Into my pocket it went for future reference.

"The next day I read it from cover to cover. To say I enjoyed that copy is quite an admission from me because I had roamed far from the church since my boyhood.

"I confronted my chaplain, thinking I had made a wonderful discovery. 'Say, chaplain, did you ever hear of a magazine called *The Link?*'

"'Sure,' replied Chaplain Scott, 'where've you been every Wednesday night? That notice on the bulletin board must've been too stuffy to attract you. But many of your buddies have been spending their Wednesday nights with me ever since we were back in the States. For us *The Link* is an old pal. The boys have affectionately dubbed it *The Christian Service Man's Reader's Digest.* Join the mad dash when you hear *The Link* call and there's a chance you may get a copy each month. Our thanks go to the churches at home for *The Link* and the Service Men's Christian League. Through them the church breaks through to the front, bringing opportunity for Christian fellowship and study. Why not join us?'

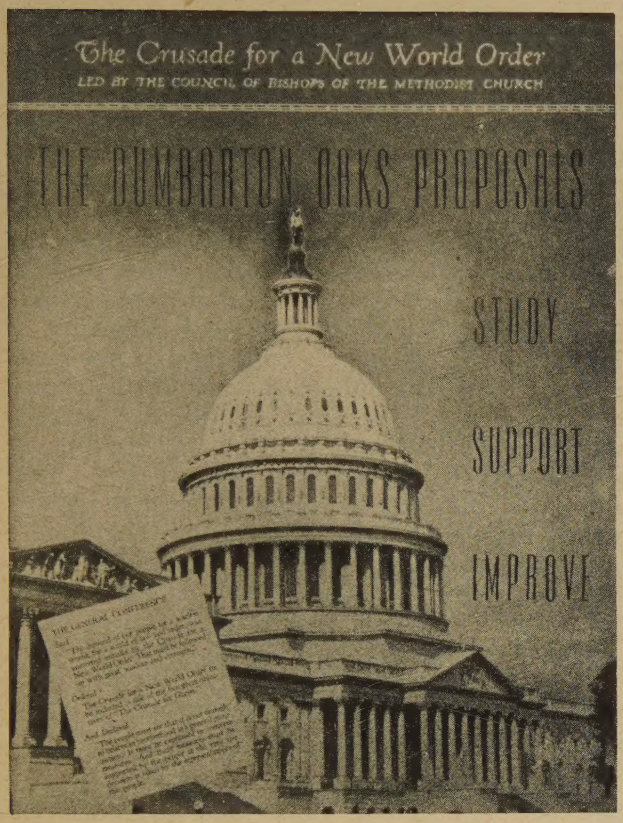
"So—Guess where you can find me now on Wednesday nights!"

There it is, friends—just one instance of the continuance of Christian influence under shell fire. Reason enough for you to remain stout-hearted and carry on.

(*For further details concerning the Service Men's Christian League and "The Link," write to 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.*)

# Prayer for the Conference of the United Nations*

*By* BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM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**ETERNAL God, guide, we pray Thee, the representatives of the people assembled to establish the institutions of justice and of peace. Illumine their minds. Grant them the far-vision that sees beyond the boundaries that must be determined to the brotherhood that must be enthroned. Save them from the immediate that obscures the ultimate. God of our fathers, our God and the God of our sons, grant that our representatives shall be unresponsive to all provincial calls that would beguile them from their present duty. Command us, we pray, to remain constant, strong in support of constructive measures, so that a warless world shall be built and the sword shall be beaten into plowshares. May the scorched earth of today become the good earth of tomorrow.**

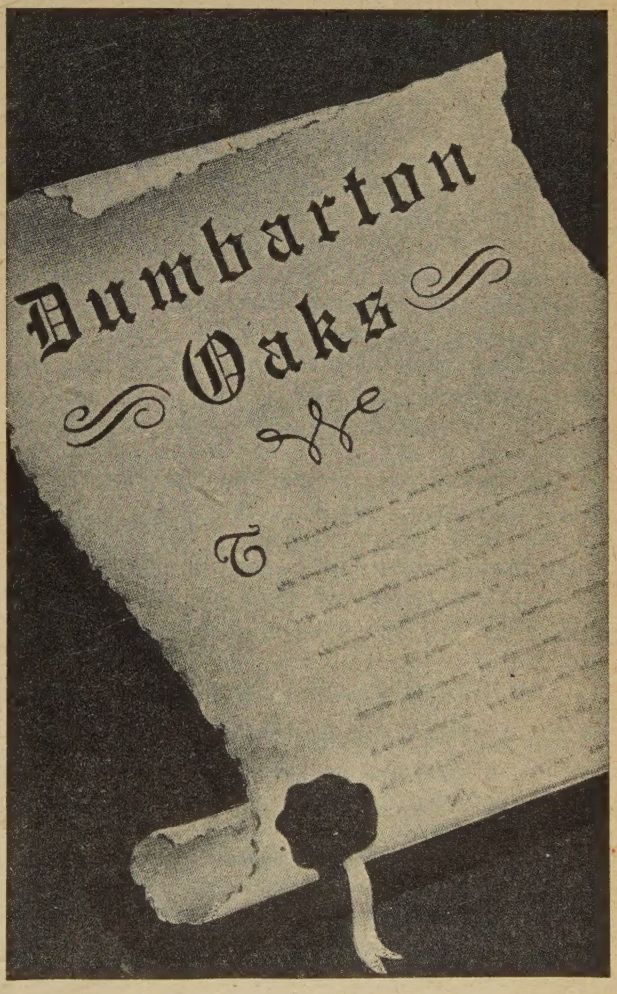
**O Thou who art omnipotent, lead all who possess power to regard it as a sacred trust dedicated to the common good. Thou who art just, show us the way to justice. Forgive our acquiescence in inequality. Thou who art love, teach us to love one another.**

**Grant that our people may have eyes to see and ears to hear. Give to us a world vision. May we hear the voices of our sons who in death cry out from a thousand battlefields, "Give us enduring peace." May we hear the voices of the poor, the exploited, the downtrodden, calling for justice. May we hear men of all colors and of all races summoning mankind to brotherhood.**

**Forgive our sins. Strengthen our resolve to do thy will. Bless the Conference of the United Nations. Let all who assemble in San Francisco remember that the city was named for the blessed Saint Francis of Assisi. May his spirit be so present that men and nations shall come at last to accept the teaching of his Master—"He who would be greatest among you must become the servant of all."**

**Bless the President of the United States, and all in authority. Enable them with perpetual light. This we ask in the name of Christ who came to bring peace and good will to men. Amen.**

* The Conference of the United Nations on the charter of the general security organization, which opens at San Francisco on April 25, may well be a turning point in the history of our time. The success of this conference can offer reasonable hope for the development of a just and durable peace. Its failure would mark a long step toward a third world war. Our church women, consequently, are profoundly concerned in the outcome of these deliberations. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is urging all churches to offer special prayers of intercession on Sunday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 25.

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# The Church in Europe*

ADOLF HITLER SPOKE the mind of many when he said, "The church is hollow, false, rotten —one push and the whole structure will go—the day of the church is past." That statement was followed by such a severely anti-Christian policy that the lethargic continental church was shocked into action.

By way of illustrating this truth, certain incidents in the emblazoned story of the church in Europe need to be highlighted.

### The Church in Germany

The most hazardous resistance has been made by the church in Germany. Early in the 1930's, the Catholic bishops and the confessional church protested the teachings of the superiority of the state and the race above those of Christ and became the "advance patrol of a counter attack" which has since been waged everywhere. Niemoeller's martyrdom and the denunciation of Cardinal Faulhaber, who is known even today as the friend of the Jews; the warnings of Count von Galen concerning "the inner enemy"; and the ridicule of the evangelical bishop of Wurms, who debunks the holy crusade of the Nazis against Bolshevism, are still effective and have won over many skeptics.

Albert Einstein said, "When national socialism came to Germany, I looked to the universities, to the editors, to the individual writers, to the labor unions . . . all were silenced. Only the church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign. It alone had the courage and persistence to stand for truth and freedom. The church I once despised I now praise unreservedly."

### The Church in Norway

The first major conflict in the spiritual battle outside of Germany occurred in Norway early in 1941 when the Lutheran bishops, objecting to Nazi interference with pastoral counselling and preaching, and to the corruption of young people, issued a manifesto which was destined to become the formula of resistance for all continental Christians: "Where there is interference with our duty to obey our Lord Jesus Christ, we are inevitably forced to take a stand." This electrified and welded the Norwegians into resolute unity and aroused the admiration of neighboring nations. . . .

The issue was sharpened and the cleavage between the church and the Nazis completed when the people were forbidden entrance into Trondheim Cathedral for the celebration of the Holy Communion because they had refused to attend a Nazi pagan celebration held there earlier in the day. They voiced their disregard of force by fearlessly singing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, a Bulwark Never Failing." Subsequent events are widely known—the bishops and nine-tenths of the clergy resigned their state salaries, and homes, schoolteachers and labor revolted, and the separation of the church and state was effected. The primate of Norway, the saintly Bishop Berggrav, though suffering solitary confinement, holds complete sway over the people. He has fortified them with the belief that their "spirit is their sword and shield" and that love is greater than hate. The deposed bishops, in a meeting in 1943, said, "We have won a great victory—a door has been opened to us by God, for never before have so many Norwegians sought God's house."

### The Church in Denmark, Belgium, Holland

The church has been ingenious in her methods of resistance. In *Denmark* the boycott has been the principal tool used against any collaborator who so much as displayed an anti-Semitic poster.

In *Belgium* there is such a sting to the Catholic resistance, so ably led by Cardinal von Roey, that the Nazis have forged his name to articles and radio broadcasts in the hope of securing obedience. Forbidden to use the Belgian flag, they use red and yellow roses to display their national loyalty. Ordered to put their young people into uniforms, the churches have organized Boy Scouts and Girl Guides patterned after the English instead of the Hitlerjugend.

There has been a smiling revolt fostered by the church in *Holland*—people listen to the Gestapo, nod affably, smile, then quietly disobey.

### The Church in France

The French Christians technically obey but effectively resist. Catholics and Protestants were the heart of the powerful underground movement.

Their magazine, *The Christian Witness*, has been a builder of French morale. In 1939, the Protestants formed one church under the leadership of Pastor Boegner of the World Council of Churches, who organized an interracial, international Protestant youth movement which has rendered invaluable service to refugees. Two interesting features of the French resistance have been the widespread distribution of protests under the guise of an exegesis of Bible stories and the cutting edge placed upon public prayer. When, ordered by the Nazis to pray after bombing raids, the worshiping French prayed thus: "May the false tranquility under which we live be pulverized by the bombs that fall upon us. Teach us to recognize our true enemies that we may repulse our peaceful penetration."

### The Church in Poland and the Balkans

In *Poland* and *the Balkan countries*, religion and patriotism are one. However, the Nazis expected to have support in Poland and Czechoslovakia because of the large numbers of Germans within them, and therefore offered to compromise with the church. The Archbishop of Warsaw voiced the unequivocal "No!" of each church when he replied, "Yes, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, but not a Judas." Terrible acts of retaliation, the deliberate corruption of youth, the slaughter of the clergy and monstrous laws against the church followed. Those only intensified the stubborn resistance. There is an unconquerable spirit and a will to live in each of these nations and a belief that the country which retains its faith will survive.

Yugoslavia and Greece are of the Orthodox Church, which has been the bearer of the flag of freedom and retains a far-reaching influence today. These nations have been upheld by the power of the Orthodox clergy who will go to any ends to save the people. The Metropolitan of Athens offered himself and the members of his clergy to be shot as hostages if only the fathers and sons might be saved.

### The Church in Russia

The church in Soviet Russia has never been deceived by the slogan of the Nazis that they had come to deliver Europe from "godless Bolshevism." She has been chastened by her failures in the past and has had enough experience with the atheism in communism to recognize clearly the godlessness of Nazism. The late Metropolitan Sergius committed the church to the fight against Nazism, saying: "Can we exchange Christ for some sort of imagined god, created by the unhealthy imaginings of men descended into beasts? Let the storm come; it will bring not only suffering, it may clear the air for the healing of our spiritual atmosphere." So the church supports the government in this emergency. Stalin has restored some of the rights of the church, partly because of this support and partly because, being a realist, Stalin has seen the need for the comfort of faith in every bereaved household.

Visser 't Hooft says: "Russia today stands for something more than communism: she means the appearance of the Slav world on the stage of world events as a dynamic element in international affairs. She is in a period of transition from international communism to international messianism. Much will depend upon the attitude of the Russian Orthodox Church toward the new nationalism. It will be dangerous if she blesses it. Rather, the church should remain as a watchman to show the limits set by God which cannot be crossed."

### The Church in Switzerland

*Switzerland*, though not in the war, has been suffering from it. The Swiss church displays great vitality. It has discarded all but the fundamentals. Catholics, who formerly merely tolerated the Protestants, are now actively co-operating with them in their humanitarian services so that Switzerland is known as the arsenal of mercy. With the help of the World Council of Churches, it is caring for more than seventy thousand refugees, to which American Christians are contributing $8,000 each month.

### The Churches Are Becoming the Church

This is the picture of the European churches—churches which have learned to stand together as *The Church* against a satanic foe, and which as the church have become the single conscience of every nation. This church has rediscovered the pillars of faith, has leveled the barriers of differences, has developed a unity of purpose and a degree of co-operation and sympathy between all creeds such as has not been seen since before the Reformation. It is the opinion not only of churchmen, but also of many outside the church, that the church has proved through the years of totalitarianism that she has a vital task to perform in national life.

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### 1944 Statistics Show Gain

***There are***

**26,962 Societies—an increase of 362**
**1,201,793 members—an increase of 38,846**

# "Unique Privilege to Be a Methodist Woman Today"

*By* **MRS. FRANKLIN REED, President, World Federation of Methodist Women**

IT IS A VERY WONDERFUL, and at the same time a very unique privilege to be a Methodist woman today. No other denomination of the Christian Church, or of any other church, for that matter, has taken the step which the first General Conference of our new Methodist Church took when it united its four million women into a WORLD COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE, the ECUMENICAL METHODIST COUNCIL, and the other organizations of world Methodism. As we think on these things and catch even a faint vision of what such a body of Christian women, were it solidly united behind a single purpose, might mean to the world in this, its darkest hour, we know that the words spoken to Mary by the angel are also truly ours: "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

Four years have now passed since the Federation came into being as an agency of the church, and we enter our second quadrennium. The first Annual Meeting was held at Kansas City, in May of 1944, at the time of General Conference, and new officers were elected to serve for the next four years. Representatives were present from China, India, Africa, Philippine Islands, Burma, Scandinavia, South America, and the United States. How wonderful it would have been to have had full representation, but alas, the terrible world conflict which involves us all is still with us, making travel between countries well-nigh impossible. Let us all keep within our thinking, however, the fact that General Conference will meet again in 1948, and that the world meeting of the Federation must always be at the same time and place. It is not too early to begin planning for such a meeting. Surely, in a reasonable length of time after peace has been declared, it will be possible to call the Methodist women of the world together in some form and with fair representation. Let us expect and plan for this, even though no one knows now where a meeting will be held.

Meanwhile, in spite of the emergencies which have arisen because of war, definite progress has been made during the first four year. In the beginning, there were twenty-nine Units who had, after approving the proposed Constitution, signified their desires to become members of such a Federation. Today there are thirty-three, and two others are, we believe, about to be affiliated. After interesting conversations with missionaries returned for furlough, we believe also, that there are several other groups of Methodist women, already organized in their individual countries, carrying on a missionary program, but who have not yet become members of the larger World Federation, as is their privilege. We covet all such, and invite them to this fellowship.

It is only fair to say, however, that we have not heard from our Methodist Units in war-devastated Europe for over four years and we cannot be sure how many are still in existence. The women's organizations of our church in Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Switzerland, Jugoslavia, and Poland comprise what we think of as Central Europe. These, and a large part of the seven northern countries which go to make up the Scandinavian Unit, have suffered untold agonies of mind and body. Let us all remember them daily in prayer. Today there are thousands of empty and sorrowing hearts and homes, children left without parents; ruined churches, hospitals, orphanages, and educational institutions, where six years ago there existed a Methodism which was, to a large extent, self-sustaining. In Germany alone there were five large annual conferences. And what devoted Christians these European women were! Many there are who can remember with what pride and joy they attended by-gone General Conferences and told of their organizations at home. Some of us have within our national boundaries just now the missionaries sent out by the societies of Scandinavia and Central Europe. When money for their support could no longer be sent from Europe, other Units in the Federation offered to assume the obligation in order to keep them at their posts. Some in India today are from Scandinavia, some in South Africa and Sumatra, from Central Europe, to barely mention a few of them. Without giving her name, we can say that a Swiss citizen, fully on

the budget of the Swiss Woman's Missionary Society, was in Singapore when it fell and contact with her has been lost. Until we get more information, no mail or money can be sent to her. Let us help such situations where it is possible to do so.

Bishop Paul Garber, newly appointed by the church, has just left to take up his work in Europe, and the officers of the Federation have supplied him and Mrs. Garber with detailed information regarding those Units lying in his territory. We have given him facts and figures as they existed before the war and he has promised to send us word from each of them as soon as he is able to do so.

There are no words to express the sufferings which have been endured by the women of occupied China; probably none have suffered more than they or for a longer time. The Units of Latin America, India, Africa, and the United States have not yet been subjected to invasion or devastation, and we realize the great added responsibility which is ours. We take great comfort in the thought that our church has organized a CRUSADE FOR CHRIST, which has five major concerns. The second one is "War Relief and Reconstruction," and even before hostilities have ceased, aid to the ravaged countries of the world will be sent as soon as possible—human aid first, then rebuilding and damaged properties.

The postwar world, when it finally arrives, seems fraught with opportunities for a Federation like ours. Nothing comparable to that world has ever faced the Christian church, and we know that an individualistic approach simply will not do. Therefore, we first drop to our knees in thankfulness, also, that thirty-three national organizations have arisen above any individualism "and have come to the place where they are concerned about the working out of the message of the Christian community rather than the elaboration of their own distinctive and original points of view." In that postwar world, there will be a large part of the human family broken in body and in spirit; comparatively few will be able to read "the vision"; and great multitudes will not sit under their own fig trees because they belong to the underprivileged classes. And we in the Federation shall pool our combined resources and move slowly, perhaps, but surely, against such evils.

And now, for the space which remains, I have saved a thrilling piece of news. The women of the United States Unit have never through the years had any missionary project in Liberia, but they have just voted to build a hostel for the girls attending the College of West Africa, Monrovia. Liberia, which is the only self-governing republic in Africa, is looking forward to the celebration of its one-hundredth anniversary in 1947, and it is now hoped that the hostel can be dedicated at that time. And the Federation—and this is the thrill—is going to make an attempt to help organize all the Methodist women of Liberia in the next two years, with the hope that they will be inspired to engage upon a vaster effort than they have yet made to bring the kingdom of our Lord on this earth. This must be of vital interest to each and every Unit, and we must keep it upon our hearts.

It is indeed a wonderful and unique privilege to be a Methodist woman today.

## NEWS FLASH FROM MANILA

**"We have indeed been prisoners. Our boys came in last Saturday, February 3, 1945. What a blessing! Now we are well taken care of though very precarious. Have been in prison walls since December 30, 1944. We have our share "trench mortars" but God has cared for us and we have had no casualties. Shelling is going on four blocks away! Holters, Brushes, Rileys, Moores, and Miss Moore all there. I am alone here as I had been in mountains until brought here.**

**"I have kept well but have lost 46 lbs. Now shall gain fast as we are getting Red Cross food. Oh! how wonderful not to be hungry. Never had I known hunger before. Our Filipinos have suffered terribly. Saw one of our graduate nurses and she brought the terrible news that Mary Johnston Hospital, Nurse's Home and Tondo Church went down Monday night. How sad it made me. I have been so wonderfully cared for. Each time when I could not see the way to endure much longer relief came from some place.**

**"Manila is wrecked! The battle goes on! I can hardly hear. I am in His hands entirely. Our soldier men are wonderful, so fine, so good to us, a blessing.**

**"Psalm 27:1 and Psalm 46:1—these are sufficient for this hour. He holds all in His power. He is sufficient for our needs whatever comes. Excuse pencil."**

***Anna Carson.***

**Manila, P. I.**
**February 7, 1945.**

# Open Letter from France

EPINAL, VOSGES, FRANCE
*December 15, 1944*

To the Christian Women in the Churches in America:

*Chaplain Carl V. McMillan asked me to write you about our coming back through the line last October. If it may interest you, I will write it, but I think it is not an extraordinary story. It is the simple story of a French family, like many others, but with the great difference of the assurance of God's presence and the certitude that "All things work together for good to them that love God."*

*Since I have the opportunity of writing to you, I am glad to thank you and all the families you know who have sent to us friends who help get us free, and to give us the possibility of educating our children in a normal life. I want to tell you how much we suffer for and with you, thinking of the long separation of so many families. We hope to have many American soldiers in the families of the parish, and we have already a great list of names of those who have visited us in the parsonage.*

*The whole family send you best greetings in which we hope and pray that all of our families may again be reunited.*

*Kindly yours,*
Signed: JEANNE R. BELMONT.

At the beginning of last May the family was very happy because of the arrival of a new little sister. She came along one evening just after a long air raid and nine days after the bombardments of Epinal began. Life was no more possible in the town for seven children from thirteen years to nine days of age, and we decided to go to a little village near Rambervillers where a friend of my husband had a little house. It was very nice at this time because of the bright weather, and we were very glad to see the children less nervous. Very often we spoke of the liberation, and when we heard for the first time the noise of the guns, we felt very happy. People around us prepared many flags for the arrival of the liberators. Because of the experiences of 1940, we put large stones before the entrances to the cellar. We put in potatoes, clean water, and medical supplies, and some straw mattresses and blankets, hoping they would not be needed. One day, at midday, the children called me and said, "We have heard the whistle of a shell, but nothing more." When I went out to listen with them, a shell exploded in the field in front of the house. So in half a minute all the children, my two friends, and I were in the cellar. The children were very afraid and their fright was increased by the fright of seven people who were too afraid to stay alone, and who came with us to be comforted. We thought it was for a few hours, but it lasted for us twelve days, and for other peole four weeks.

The cellar was a vaulted room under the house and measured 9′x20′x40′. We went there by a little stair in the laundry where a little fire was sometimes lighted. When evening came, and when I saw that it was impossible to go upstairs, we lighted the little fire and put a large saucepan full of water with potatoes on it. Everyone in his turn went up and put a piece of wood in the fire between the shellings. In the evening we tried to prepare some bedding. The seven children lay down on straw mattresses. Other people sat along the wall —four men and six women. Our neighbor had a motor and could make some electricity. So we could have a light during the stay in the cellar. The wires were cut twelve times, but happily no shell hit the motor. Each time the men went on the roof of the house and mended the wires. We were a bit disturbed during the night because the big dog of one of the men was so afraid of the noise. He was dirty and full of fleas and wanted to stay near the basket where the little baby slept.

The second day began with a half hour of calm near 6 A. M., and we went to fetch wood and water. But very quickly we were obliged to come down. There was usually shelling each day near 6 A. M., 12 M., and 6 P. M. When we tried to get out we were often driven back in. We were just between the Germans and American soldiers, and both shot their shells on the road by our house. Our neighbor had a cow and sometimes he brought us milk for the baby, but he had eight children and

needed it, too. We had in our cellar some preserved fruits and a great quantity of potatoes. So for breakfast we had boiled potatoes and fruit and some soup. In the middle of the day we ate again boiled potatoes, and a few times we had preserved meat. In the evening, again we had preserved vegetables and potatoes. We could not change the bill of fare much, but we seasoned the meals with many songs and hymns which we taught the people, and they seemed to enjoy it very much. Each woman living in the cellar went in turn up to the washing room to prepare food and to wash the plates. The men had to fetch water from a pond near the house because the water pipes were broken. The difficult question was baby's washing. There was only dirty water and so much linen to dry! During the twelve days everybody in turn went out in turn for the essentials of life. Each was able to do his task without harm but not without emotion. About forty shells fell in the garden by the house. Eventually there was no more roof and no more windows. But each evening we could bless God because everybody was safe there. After a few days everybody came in the evening to read the Bible with us and sing simple hymns.

Our greatest anxiety was the coming of the patrols. Once it was the German soldiers. There were heavy steps in the house. They came down and said: "Any Tommies here? If we find any Tommies here you all will be killed!" And we answered: "We don't know. We simply stay here and don't move." Another time the steps were made by rubber shoes. This was the American patrol. We wished the American soldiers would stay with us, but they always went out.

Each day the life became harder inside for the children and more dangerous outside because of the mines. One Saturday evening a friend of ours came to our cellar and told me that some people of the next village had been deported by the Germans. He had come from the American lines and knew the way through the mine fields back to Rambervillers. He thought it would be possible for us to go back to Epinal. I wanted to go, but when I saw the children and thought about the dangers of the travel I could not make up my mind. I told my friend that I would give him an answer the next morning. In the evening, when everybody was asleep, my two friends and I read Psalms 121. Then we asked God to tell us what we ought to do. The night seemed longer than the other ones, and we wanted so much to know clearly God's will.

In the morning the guns shot as hard as ever, and we thought it was impossible to stay longer there. The children were as pale as ghosts. The eldest boy was feverish, so I went to our friend's cellar and told him that if it was not impossible we were ready to go. So he said to me, "We'll go if you can assure me that the children will be absolutely quiet during all the trip, and if there is fog enough to hide us from the German sentry." During the day we prepared some clothes for the little ones, some food, and some medicines in case of injury. In the evening I said to the children: "If we get through the night all right, and if it is foggy tomorrow morning, we'll go on foot to Rambervillers and surprise daddy by coming back home. But if it is not foggy, we'll decide that God prefers that we stay here and learn patience." Happily, five-thirty came at last and a thick fog covered all the country. So the children took their little rucksacks on their backs. My friend took the two-year-old on her shoulders, and the man who was showing us the way took the five-year-old child in his arms. The baby was on my back in her bag. I told the other children that in case the younger ones started to speak or to cry, we should give them a piece of sugar to comfort them. Then, following our guide, we went through the fields, passing behind each bush, crossing little brooks, and walking stooped down along the fill of the railroad. I had told the children that they had to do exactly what the man in front did. It was funny to see the six-year-old bending herself just like the grown-ups. The first three miles were the most dangerous because we knew where the German sentry was, and we had to pass not far from him.

But even the American guns did not fire during the beginning of the journey and the little baby fell asleep on my back. The eight-year-old girl had told me just as we started, "I am glad because I am sure God knows the end of the journey." It was wonderful to breathe pure air and to have a walk after such a long stay in the cellar. But it seemed to me a very long file of children and enough to make a good target for the German machine guns. But very often I remembered what my daughter had said: "God knows the end of the journey."

At six-thirty our friend said, "Now we are near the American sentry." We went to see the American sentry, and he said, "You can go to Rambervillers, but you will not be permitted to come back today." I told him that he could be sure that we would not come back. We arrived at Rambervillers at seven-thirty. We found there a good friend of ours who told an American chaplain that we wanted to go to Epinal. A few hours afterward we left Rambervillers for Epinal in a jeep and a car, to find civilization again. We were very tired but very thankful to God who had guarded us till he brought us back home.

# Northeastern Jurisdiction

By ANNIE G. BAILEY

JUST ESCAPING the government restriction on travel, the Northeastern Jurisdiction, Woman's Society of Christian Service, carried out its long-standing plans and held its fourth annual meeting at the Hotel Jefferson, in Atlantic City, January 29-31.

A delightful prelude to the program was the annual meeting dinner in the hotel on Monday evening. The New Jersey Conference, Woman's Society of Christian Service, was hostess to more than two hundred women. The food, the decorations, and the informal speeches were a real uplift in these drab days of war.

On Tuesday morning, following the devotions by Bishop Fred P. Corson, came the roll call of delegates by conferences. In the absence of Mrs. Franklin Reed and Mrs. Leo H. Paulger, Mrs. Fred A. Victor was chosen secretary and Mrs. W. H. Dievler treasurer for the meeting.

Miss Henrietta Gibson, Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, brought some very informing figures on the amounts paid to the Division by the conferences. The total pledging during the first quadrennium has not shown the steady increase desired but, since the first year, the amounts paid have exceeded the amounts pledged, which seems to show that the conferences have the ability to assume larger pledges than they have the faith to make. This is a sound basis on which to advance, as Miss Gibson emphasized. She also reported that every conference in the jurisdiction had met its pledge for this year.

The report of the secretary of Organization and Promotion revealed increases year by year during the quadrennium in the number of societies and in members, the present totals being 5,711 societies, 293,679 members.

As the program moved along, every department was represented. As always, when the missionaries spoke, they had the keenest attention. No one else has quite the same type of message they have. So many fine, strong statements were made during these reports, we hesitate to give only a few. "Equalization of Opportunity" for its students is the high aim of Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, according to Mrs. David D. Jones. The present enrollment of Bennett College is 442, representing twenty-eight states. Miss Conrow, of the Personnel Department, said three hundred new missionaries were needed now for placement as soon as fields are opened. Miss Lucile Colony, executive secretary in India, stressed the fact that although the number of Christians in India is proportionately small, they have much power with the government and in forming future national policies.

The Crusade for Christ had its definite place on the program in Mrs. Woolever's challenging address, "Women in the Crusade," filled with telling facts and incidents, and in Bishop Corson's address on Tuesday evening. Bishop Corson did not dwell so much on the present financial campaign as on the other aspects of the Crusade, calling for a Methodism awake to the needs of a thoroughgoing stewardship and a virile evangelism. The Bishop said he had no fear that the women of Methodism would not do their part in the Crusade for Christ. To their credit it may be said that in the account of Christ's ministry there is no instance where a woman deserted him, but some fine men did. Will the men of the church stand by the objectives of the Crusade?

An address by Mrs. L. H. Colvin, National President of The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was alive with striking facts and challenging assertions regarding the too little known insidious ways of the liquor business to extend their destructive power in America. The spending for liquor in one year averages $54 for every man, woman, and child in the United States. By getting women to acquire the taste for alcoholic drinks the liquor interests hope to break down the opposition of mothers, both in and out of the home.

Bishop W. Earl Ledden's devotion period on Wednesday, and his message at the installation service for new officers, will long remain in the minds of his hearers as a genuine inspiration.

The new officers elected to serve for the second quadrennium are as follows:

*President,* Mrs. Harold S. Metcalfe, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; *Vice-President,* Mrs. J. M. Pearson, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York; *Recording Secretary,*

Mrs. Milton H. Pope, Salisbury, Maryland; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Leo H. Paulger, Washington, D. C.; *Secretaries*, Foreign Work, Mrs. William T. Anderson, Auburn, New York; Home Work, Mrs. W. L. Crowding, Altoona, Pennsylvania; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. M. J. Creeger, Rockville Center, New York; Organization and Promotion, Mrs. W. H. Dievler, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. H. C. Leonard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Ruth B. Weed, Norwalk, Connecticut; Student Work, Mrs. Myron Collins, Wheeling, West Virginia; Youth Work, Mrs. Ira S. Pimm, Long Branch, New Jersey; Children's Work, Mrs. Herbert J. Smith, Trenton, New Jersey; Literature and Publications, Mrs. E. J. Sullivan, Elmhurst, L.I., New York; Spiritual Life, Mrs. J. W. Warren, Utica, New York; Status of Women, Mrs. Fred A. Victor, Yonkers, New York; Supply Work, Mrs. E. B. Davidson, Berwick, Pennsylvania; World Federation of Methodist Women, Mrs. Franklin Reed, Westfield, New Jersey.

At the closing session, Mrs. Meeks, the retiring president of the jurisdiction, was made a Life Patron in testimony of the affection in which she is held by her fellow workers and in recognition of her most efficient service as president during the past four years.

The theme of the year, "The Open Door," was used most effectively in a variety of topics throughout the program and most fittingly in the closing session as Miss Elizabeth Lee's subject, "I Am the Door," which she developed into a strong appeal for "expendable" giving and living. The total pledging by the conferences of the Northeastern Jurisdiction for 1945 amounted to $740,302.00, an increase of $20,362.00 over the pledges of 1944. The closing prayer was offered by the new president, Mrs. Harold S. Metcalfe, and the officers and delegates went from the meeting, each carrying in her hands her share of the responsibility for this great work.

# In Memoriam

*Miss Laura May Robinson*

Miss Laura May Robinson, Bureau Secretary of the work for Mexicans, in the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, died at West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Illinois, January 14, 1945. Miss Robinson was free to give her time and strength where she wished, and she chose to give it all, without stint, to the work of the church where she served faithfully and happily in local, district, conference, and national capacities. She leaves no immediate relatives, but a host of friends mourn her loss as they would that of a near relative. Her capacity for friendships was great and she is keenly missed by a great number who loved her greatly.

*Miss E. Jean Oram*

Miss E. Jean Oram, of Cleveland, Ohio, died the middle of January from a heart attack. Miss Oram, as a very young woman, became interested in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and served on the National Board of the organization in many places over a period of years. She was vice-president at the time she resigned from the duties of the organization. She was a highly-educated, socially-gracious woman of beautiful devotion to the Christian life. Her stamp is on many of the institutions which came to the Woman's Division from the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

*Deaconess Marie Elliott*

Deaconess Marie Elliott passed away December 19, 1944. Miss Elliott entered the work in 1904. Her first appointment was to the Homer Toberman Home and Hospital in Los Angeles. In 1913 the hospital was closed and Miss Elliott helped establish a new work among Mexicans. She was then transferred to Lexington, Kentucky, to take charge of a boarding home for working girls. She remained there until her retirement in 1932.

Of her recent life, Miss Elliott wrote: "I am spending these happy retirement years in a lovely home in California known as the Robincroft Rest Home."

*S. Erminie Wilber*

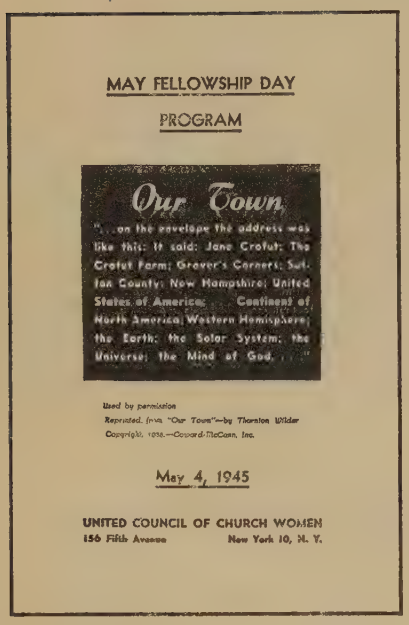
Miss S. Erminie Wilber, a retired deaconess who resided at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey, passed away on January 7, 1945. Miss Wilber was born December 11, 1866, and was graduated from the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School, Washington, D. C., as a deaconess in 1906. In 1909 she completed her nurses' training at Sibley Memorial Hospital. Except for the year she spent at St. Anthony Park Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, Miss Wilber served her years of active service in the Deaconess Home Settlement and Dispensary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Mrs. Emma Wilson Fisher*

Mrs. Emma Wilson Fisher, retired home missionary, a native of Indiana, passed away January 29, 1945. Services were held at Los Angeles, California, where Mrs. Fisher had been living, and the interment was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Mrs. Fisher served ten years as superintendent of Peck Home, New Orleans, Louisiana, from 1916 to 1926.

# May Fellowship Day

*By* MRS. J. D. BRAGG


MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY
PROGRAM
Our Town
"...on the envelope the address was like this: It said: Jane Crofut; The Crofut Farm; Grover's Corners; Sutton County; New Hampshire; United States of America; Continent of North America; Western Hemisphere; the Earth; the Solar System; the Universe; the Mind of God. ..."
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UNITED COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN
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**On the fourth of May the women of the Christian churches will come together with united purpose to study one of the most important issues in "Our Town"—the problem of returning service personnel.**

**Recently presidents, executive secretaries, and staff members of various church boards met to discuss phases of work growing out of war situations and there seemed to come naturally into our thinking the subject of what the churches are doing and can do even more effectively for the returning service men and women. Out of this grew the request to The United Council of Church Women, sponsors of May Fellowship Day, to stress this particular phase of the opportunities for service in *Our Town*. We are told that already more than a million and a half men have returned and they continue to return at the rate of 100,000 per month. Specialists close to the whole situation say, "*if only the women understood how they could help in all of this!*" It will be the purpose of May Fellowship Day to inform church women of what they *can* do to help.**

**A small, free leaflet giving advance information has been sent to all women's societies of many of the denominations in the local community. So let one society not wait upon the other; contact other societies and see that The May Fellowship Day is observed in your community. Many communities are organized and will do this, but this is not true of every community. This is a good place to begin to work together for there are returning servicemen in *every* town.**

**Programs for May Fellowship Day may be secured at Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Price, ten cents. Likewise, this issue of *The Methodist Woman* will be valuable in planning for this day.**

## After He Comes Back

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that everyone at home made big money and had an easy time of it while he gave up his education, or business, or professional practice for army pay, hardships, monotony, and danger. Here again a listening, understanding attitude is the helpful one. Give him time—and opportunity—to "get to get it out of his system."

Their needs will be many: economic, physical, personal, and religious. Some will need help in rehabilitating themselves for the civilian responsibility of earning a support for themselves and their families. The man who gave up a job to enter the service may find that the job no longer exists, or that he is no longer fitted for the job he left, or that he is no longer interested in it. The man who had an established business or professional practice will need to get a new "start," and a "start" is important to success. One third of the men in the armed services have never had any civilian work experience; over one half had less than a year. These boys—now men—will need help in preparing themselves for civilian jobs. This will mean a large, specialized educational program.

All will have many personal needs arising out of the difficulty of making the transition from military to civilian life—of finding a significant and satisfying place again as members of families, voluntary social groups, and communities.

The opportunity for helping to meet these personal needs will be found in the homes and the local communities. That is where the returning serviceman ultimately will be found. And what will help most will be the understanding, the affection, the patience, and the beauty of spirit of "the home folks."

## Summer Rest Homes

**The following rest homes are available again this summer for deaconesses and missionaries:**

**Fenton Memorial Rest Home, Chautauqua, New York. (Mrs. E. Lonsdale, 24 Kosciuszko Street, Buffalo, New York.)**

**Chautauqua Missionary Home, Chautauqua, New York. (Mrs. T. G. Landers, 1921 Austin Avenue, Waco, Texas.)**

**Olney Rest Home, Epworth Heights, Ludington, Michigan. (Gertrude Payne, 233 Kevin Place, Toledo, Ohio.)**

# Program Suggestion For May, 1945

## Topic: *"The Sanctity of the Christian Home"*

*By* **MRS. H. W. B. DETWILER**

*A good program takes prayer, time, and careful planning!*

*A good program builds interest, attendance, and budget!*

As the Program Committee meets to plan for May, here are a few suggestions for a "working library":

1. *Worship Services*, pages 15 and 16.
2. *Program Material*, pages 41-53.
3. THE METHODIST WOMAN, April, 1944, and April, 1945.
4. THE WORLD OUTLOOK, April, 1945.
5. Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities—Pamphlet on *The Christian Family,"* (pamphlet No. 7).
   (Add new materials on the family—Buck Hill Falls report.)
6. Free catalogues of *Visual Aids for Christian Workers*, Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee; also, *Audio-Visual Materials*, Department of Visual Education, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.
7. Check closely the excellent suggestions for the meeting, pages 51-52.

*Note.*—Materials suggested in the program booklet to be ordered from International Council of Religious Education no longer available.

I. INVITATIONS—

(1) *House* booklet. On the door put time and place of meeting; on the roof, the theme. (2) Post card with cutout of different homes: Tepee, adobe, African hut, Chinese house. (3) A circle suggesting the "Sanctity of the Christian Home" as coming through the "family circle." (4) Try this clever invitation if your meeting is in the evening and it is possible to invite every family. If church membership is large, divide it into five groups; if membership is small, one group will be sufficient. Choose a dependable family for each group to receive the envelope in which you have placed names of the number of groups used. This family in turn takes one family from the envelope and contacts same family, inviting them to the meeting. In another envelope clipped to the first envelope, have each family place the name drawn from first envelope, placing *their name* and date contacted on the slip. When last family has received the envelopes, they return it to the membership chairman.

II. ATMOSPHERE—

(1) Posters of "The Four Freedoms" (particularly the ones, "Freedom From Fear" and "Freedom From Want." (2) "The Christian Home Photo-Posters," from Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee (particularly "So Long As There Are Homes," "Preparation for Home-Making," "Grace At Meals"). These come in miniatures 8½ x 11 inches; 50 cents per hundred. (3) Mounted cover sheets from WORLD OUTLOOK, January, 1943; December, 1944; and January, 1945. THE METHODIST WOMAN, April, 1944. (4) Large poster of cover sheet, THE METHODIST WOMAN for May, 1944, around which is placed different homes of the world. (See small drawings, this issue, page 25.) (5) Have platform or front of room as a homey living room. Books, magazines, games, music, definitely suggestive of a Christian home. (6) If possible, an entire family seated in the room scene. (7) A family for the reception committee.

III. PROGRAM—

If possible, have a Church Family supper meeting; have an entire family lead in the devotions. A brief quiz on mimeograph sheets on "Family Life in My Community." Several weeks in advance, suggest that No. 1 or No. 2, on page 44 of *Program Book*, would make splendid subjects for a *Paper Sketch* or *Poem*. (Choose judges; offer an award symbolic of the Christian home.) Have told, *not read*, the finest thing from "Home Life" in Program Material. Excellent, *Visual Aids for Christian Workers* on "The Christian Family," see catalogue, pages 12-13. "Experience Meeting" on "I am a Christian today because of my home life." Experiences that men and women in the service have had visiting Christian homes where they have been in the world.

IV. FELLOWSHIP—

(1) Three or four good games the whole family will enjoy playing, either in church or at home. (2) Church family contests: Ping pong, quoits, Chinese checkers, shuffleboard, etc. (If dad plays ping pong with sis in the church at the Family Night, the home tie may be strengthened, etc.)

East College and Gateway

# Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

THELMA STEVENS, *Executive Secretary*

## Annual Seminar, June 26-July 6

THE 1945 SEMINAR, sponsored by the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, will be held at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, a city of some five thousand population, located forty miles west of Indianapolis. The campus extends over sixty-three acres of ground, has thirteen buildings used for instruction, in addition to five residence halls for men and women, and twenty-one fraternity and sorority houses. The faculty numbers over one hundred and the normal student body is approximately fifteen hundred, equally divided between men and women. The university is fully accredited by national and state academic accrediting bodies.

DePauw University was founded in 1837 by the Methodist Church and has had 108 years of educational and religious leadership in the church. All of DePauw's presidents have been Methodist ministers, and six have become bishops in the church.

Tobin Memorial Church, Greencastle's Methodist church, is located on the campus, easily accessible to student groups. Mason Hall, the newest residence unit on DePauw campus, will house the seminar group. It was erected in 1940 and accommodates 110 women. However, the seminar group will be limited to fifty people.

### Seminar Entrance Requirements

1. Individuals attending the seminar should have a broad interest *in* and responsibility *for* a program of social education and action in the church.

2. There should also be a deep concern for a program of missions around the world that relates itself to the whole of life.

3. The members of the seminar group must have sufficient educational background and experience to enable them to participate creatively in two weeks of intensive study and planning.

### Faculty and Resource Leaders

The seminar will make use of experienced leaders from various racial and national groups, also mis-

sionaries and deaconesses and representatives of other faiths and creeds as resource leaders.

In previous years the members of the seminar have included conference and district officers representing various responsibilities related to education and action, including secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Missionary Education, Spiritual Life, Student Work, Wesleyan Service Guild, and others. There have been numbers of individuals in attendance without official responsibility in their conference or district, but with keen interest and concern for the program. Missionaries, deaconesses, and employed workers have also made vital contributions to the group. In 1944, twenty conferences and representatives from three denominations were in attendance.

The *primary purpose* of the seminar is to give special training to leaders in the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild, with major emphasis on the function and program of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in its relation to the total work of the church in the community and around the world.

One subsidy of fifty dollars for each jurisdiction has been provided by the department in line with the following action: "A seminar on a national scale has been authorized for 1945, with a fifty-dollar subsidy allocated to each jurisdiction. Jurisdictions and conferences should promote the seminar, and, where possible, provide subsidies for their leaders."

Jurisdictions, conferences, and individuals are urged to send all applications to Miss Thelma Stevens, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., by May 15. Application blanks will be sent on request.

### Preparation for Christian Family Emphasis

The month of May should offer an opportunity for increased emphasis on "The Church's Ministry to the Family." Please note the following suggested activities and resources:

(*a*) The date for the observance of Christian Family Week is May 6-12. Program material and suggestions may be secured from the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

(*b*) The United Council of Church Women has issued the call for the "May Luncheon" on May 4. The topic for study and discussion at that meeting is related to the problems of demobilization, with special reference to returning service personnel and family groups. The program theme is "Our Town," and will challenge the united action of church women from all denominations. If your local Council of Church Women has not already initiated plans for this program, or if you do not have a local Council, you may want to order the program suggestions and secure the co-operation of other women's groups in promoting the program in your community. Order from Literature Headquarters or United Council of Church Women, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Price ten cents.

(*c*) Special plans may well be made for bringing family groups of the community into the closer fellowship of the church. Why not co-operate with the pastor in planning a series of midweek or Sunday-evening forums related to "The Church's Ministry to the Family"? The new pamphlet on *The Church's Ministry to the Family*, price, 25 cents, and the free leaflet, *Program of Action for the Church's Ministry to the Family*, will be good resource materials. Order from Literature Headquarters.

(*d*) Secure the services of your best qualified leader in the area of *counseling services*, and have him or her lead a series of discussions for interested members of the church. Out of this one of the many practical results should be a constructive plan for effective visitation by church members in the community. The purpose of such visitation may in many cases be to welcome newcomers, returning families, and individuals (those coming from war industries or from Relocation Centers, or Civilian Public Service Camps, or the armed forces, or other places); to extend warm, friendly fellowship to the bereaved, and to discover and find ways to meet other varying social needs of families in the community. Special guidance in planning such a program may be given by your pastor, a skilled leader from some social agency in the community, a psychiatrist, a doctor, a teacher, or some other individual specially qualified.

(*e*) The May and June program in the *1945 Program Book* relate to the family and should receive special attention by the Program Committee. See 1945 program materials, "*Behold, I Have Set Before Thee an Open Door.*"

## WACS Miss Home and Church!

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wonderfully co-operative in extending home and church hospitality to these splendid women away from home who have answered their country's call to join the Army Corps and thus bring the war to a speedy close. The churches also have been enriched through their fellowship with the WACs, and the girls in turn are deeply appreciative of this friendliness.

# Your New Report Blank

**MRS. HELEN B. BOURNE, *Secretary***

***Tear off and send to your district secretary if there is one; if not, to the Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.***

## QUARTERLY REPORT

of the

## SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Name of Church Trinity Post Office Girard, Kansas

District Parsons Conference Kansas

Jurisdiction South Central Quarter ending March 31, 1945

I. *General Program*

1. Are you an active member of the program committee? Yes, and attend meetings

2. Is your Society using the "Open Door" program and worship booklets? At monthly meetings

3. Describe one interesting presentation and result of use of program material. February on American Indian, used moving picture, "Navajo Children," and planned visit to Potawatomi Mission, Mayetta, Kansas.

II. *Educational Giving*

1. As a member of the finance committee are you helping stimulate increased giving? Trying

How? At pledge meeting told of need for funds for new work in Africa

2. List on back of report blank Special Missionary projects supported by individuals, or society, or those which society shares with district or conference, and the amount sent treasurer.

III. *Reading Materials*

1. Do you have reading circles using suggested reading materials (including *The Methodist Woman* and *World Outlook*)? Yes, one reading books from library, another selecting suitable articles from magazines for study class.

2. Are you forming a library? Yes.

*Have you* held a meeting of committee on study and action? Yes, two meetings.

IV. *Approved Study Courses*

1. *Total* number of Approved study classes completed this quarter 2.

Name of topic The American Indian. Number of members 21.

Name of topic Christ After Chaos. Number of members 36.

2. Number of Special Jurisdiction classes in above—*Total* 1.

Topic The American Indian. Number of members 21.

(See Handbook, section on Special Jurisdiction Recognition)

Have you applied to Conference Secretary for Special Jurisdiction Recognition? Yes.

3. Number of Joint classes included in above *Total* 1.

Number of Woman's Society members participating 36.

V. *Informal Studies,* meeting special needs None this quarter.

Subject of study

Number participating

*State Results* of any of the study courses or other educational efforts:

Christ After Chaos enabled church to meet quota in Crusade for Christ. Sent Cash Supplies to Indian Mission Work and new story books for Indian Children. See separate sheet for more.

VI. *Other Education and Cultivation Plans*

1. Number participating in educational conferences in district or conference meetings

2. Number participating in educational seminars (not less than one day)

3. Number participating in Institutes (not less than three days)

In schools (not less than five days)

*Total* number of members participating in these education and cultivation experiences None first quarter.

List of Special Missionary Projects

$50 share in salary of Conference Missionary.

Amount sent conference or district treasurer during quarter for Special Missionary projects? $12.

Mrs. U. R. Working.
Secretary of Missionary Education and Service

Girard, Kansas.
Address

*A possible first quarter's report from an average society.

# Gleanings From the Questionnaire

*By* **MRS. ELOISE A. WOOLEVER,** ***Secretary of Organization and Promotion***

AT A MEETING of the jurisdiction secretaries of Organization and Promotion, held in Racine, Wisconsin, last June, it was decided to send a questionnaire as to the activities and work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to each conference secretary of Organization and Promotion, and she in turn was to send one to each of the societies in her conference.

Herewith follow a few gleanings from these replies. They will be suggestive, we believe, to other Societies as to new lines of activity that may be followed.

**Central Kansas Conference:** "Maps are being used since our boys are in every nook and corner of the world. The locations are noted by use of markers."

**Detroit Conference:** "We honor our older members once a year."

"We invite the men to a dinner meeting."

"We invite the women of other denominations to a meeting once a year."

"The Girl Scouts are our guests in May."

"One program is given by a Girls' Interest Group."

"One program is given by girls attending summer camps." Is it not encouraging to see this emphasis on youth work by these Societies?

**Alabama Conference:** "We make the babies of men in service Honorary Baby Members."

**Dakota Conference:** "We have a reception each year for the school teachers."

"We send a birthday letter to every man in service from our church."

"We give an attendance award to the circle having the largest attendance at the monthly meetings."

**Michigan Conference:** "We followed the program on nursery schools by an actual visit to one." This Society also believes in changing the order of the program at each meeting.

Another Society in Michigan reports: "One entire program was given from THE METHODIST WOMAN and the *World Outlook*." (How about using this idea in circle meetings rather than in the regular monthly meeting where we can't afford to miss the planned program for that month?)

**Kansas Conference:** "More and more Societies are having a revolving circle membership. Those that have had vision and faith to try the revolving plan have been happy with its results, all of which is a good advertisement to others." (According to the by-law this change in membership of circles should occur yearly.)

**Genesee Conference:** "We try to make plans further ahead, to anticipate our needs and decide upon methods of meeting them." This reminds us of the terse statement so true today, "The faster you go, the farther ahead you need to look."

**Pittsburgh Conference:** "We have a Good Friday service for shop workers. About 225 were in attendance."

"We take complete charge in homes where there is a death."

"Our Spiritual Life chairman plans for different women to lead in prayer to open the luncheon and afternoon meetings, thus using about thirty women, many of whom never participated before, and they give it much preparation."

"We have an anniversary service sometime in September at the close of the morning service. The members assemble around the altar and rededicate their services to the Lord and the work. They also bring their summer offering. This year it amounted to $85, and five new members were enrolled."

"At one of our monthly meetings we had a party for all of our service mothers and wives. In September we had a covered dish supper for all the church families. The Youth Fellowship gave most of the program. It was very helpful and effective."

"We visited the Deaconess Home and the Goodwill Industries recently."

### Program Adaptation

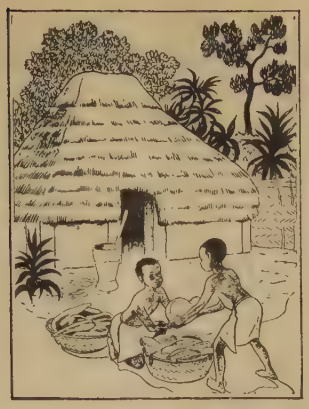
In answer to the question, "Do you do creative work in adapting program literature?" one Society secretary said, "Sometimes the personal experiences of a member fits nicely into the program message. We had a soldier on furlough tell of Puerto Rico, where he is stationed. A musician gave us talks on Mexican music, also on American folk songs. Tomorrow the program is to be put on entirely by the church men as our guests." This same report goes on to say, "We are learning more in the direction of planned discussions."

"We have a reception or registration committee and each woman signs her name at each meeting. Our Fellowship chairman is a marvel. The tea and fellowship hour is always so lovely, and in all the four years there has never been a bit of confusion, largely because of the chairman's ability."

### Better Plans?

In response to the question if there should be better plans worked out, one secretary wrote, "I am reminded of the old farmer whom a salesman was trying to interest in new farming methods and who remarked, 'Boss, I knows how to farm better'n I'se a-doin' now.' We know plenty of good plans, what we need is to put them into action."

Putting up the New Year's greetings in China



Making ready for Christmas in Africa

Hanging the Christmas wreath in North America

# "Children and Their Homes Around the World"

IT IS GOOD at this present time to be reminded of some of the same deep and joyous experiences that children in every country share together. This new set of pictures of "Children and Their Homes Around the World,"[1] produced by the Friendship Press, tell us of the way in which boys and girls love their homes, the manner in which they like to help in the work of the family, and their delight in preparing for and celebrating the festivals that the recurring seasons always bring. Interesting stories accompanying the pictures.

Kindergarten and primary children in our homes and church schools will thoroughly enjoy the pictures and stories about each that have been prepared for both age groups. They will come to think with friendliness of these boys and girls of different lands, and they will begin to have some understanding of the fact that all of them are members of God's world family. The pictures will be used by many leaders of children during the spring quarter in connection with the teaching of missionary units in churches where the Closely Graded Church School Courses are followed.

RUBY VAN HOOSER,
*Secretary of Children's Work.*

[1] "Children and Their Homes Around the World," Friendship Press. Order from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Price, 75 cents.

Getting ready for a birthday in Mexico

Making ready for Christmas in India

Flying the banners at the Boys' Festival in Japan

Setting out the birds' Christmas feast in Norway

# Wesleyan Service Guild

MARION LELA NORRIS, *Secretary*

## Central Jurisdiction

*By* MYRTLE O. THOMAS, *Secretary*

*"God, give us men! A time like this demands*
*Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;*
. . . . . .
*Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog*
*In public duty and in private thinking."*

This clarion call is not limited to men. As Christian women there comes to us the challenge to help in this rebuilding of the world.

Present conditions challenge woman to make the sphere of her endeavor and activity the "world household." Here, in this larger unit, woman desires, above all, peace and harmonious relationship among its members. In working for this better human relationship, women have the great task of building up a public conscience and sense of social justice.

They must work for a developed moral and social conscience that will be opposed to the oppression and exploitation of the weak, and to the discrimination against any in their spheres of lawful activity.

The Wesleyan Service Guild provides channels for action on the part of employed women to make possible for all society equal opportunity for development and a just share of the world's goods. —DIANA M. PIERSON, *Chairman of Status of Women for Wesleyan Service Guild Standing Committee, Faculty Wiley College, Marshall, Texas.*

### The Guild in Action

"A year ago, for the first time, I attended an annual meeting of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life. While sitting there in the meeting listening to young women tell about the work of the Almighty Father, I gained new hope. I stayed in the meeting from beginning to end. I wanted to get up and express myself but felt that it was not the appropriate time to do so. After the meeting was over, I went home and cried like a baby to think of what I had been missing all these years. Now, as a new president of a local unit of the Guild, I am sure I can lead on with the help of this new inspiration, and get other young women to follow."

Just a few minutes prior to this writing the above statement was made to me in a casual conversation about the work. Here is a challenge, indeed. I uttered a silent prayer that the church may gain added strength to bear a message to people who like this member, do earnestly hunger and thirst after righteousness. Is it not a fact that there are many, many employed women who yet have not been reached with the message of the fuller life of worship, fellowship, and service provided by the program of the Wesleyan Service Guild?

*Personnel:* With the present staff of Conference Guild Secretaries, many newly elected, the Guilds of the Central Jurisdiction can look forward to a program of many activities begun and carried to completion.

The vastness of the jurisdiction makes it imperative that members and officers keep in touch by a network of correspondence and reporting.

In view of the federal ban on sizable meetings, Guild units should plan in terms of district and sub-district Guild meetings.

*Interracial co-operation:* During the summer months, many of the Guilds of the Central Jurisdiction enjoyed fellowship with Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin, Guild missionary to China. In many instances these meetings were interracial. Such was the case when the Guilds of the entire Houston (Texas) District came together in co-operation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service for a great time on a Sunday afternoon with Miss Nowlin. Other Guilds reporting like interracial meetings are in Memphis, Tennessee, and Lake Charles, Louisiana.

It is my prediction that the coming of Miss Nowlin will mean a new sense of responsibility for missions, an understanding of missionary work, and an increase in missionary giving on the part of the Guilds of the Central Jurisdiction.

*Unit activities:* The Trinity East Guild, at Houston, Texas, reports among activities of the

last six months the establishment of a church library. A recent book shower for the library resulted in over one hundred good books being donated to the library. A public program on racial attitudes has been given, and also an antique show. The Guild and the Woman's Society have cooperated in several activities.

—Myrtle O. Thomas, *Director of Religious Education for the New Orleans Area of Central Jurisdiction.*

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## Recreation Conference

Guild members, as well as other youth, student, and children's secretaries, were welcomed to the Conferences on Recreation, sponsored by the General Board of Education, in six key cities in the United States. That Methodism is awake to the church's responsibility in providing wholesome recreation for people, now and after the war, is evidenced by the Four-Year-Plan of Recreation for Rehabilitation proposed by the board.

Some 175 persons attending the conference in Atlanta, Georgia, were challenged by expert leaders in the fields of drama, music, nature lore, creative arts and crafts, mass recreation, and the philosophy of recreation, to carry back to their respective conferences the message of recreation as a part of the "good and abundant life."

At each point recreation was shown to tie in vitally with Christian living and the church program and church services. Jesus Christ was referred to as the greatest recreation leader ever, because the Christian religion is the greatest re-creative movement.

The main purposes of the Conferences on Recreation was to get the program of recreation down to the local churches. Several ways and means were suggested for accomplishing this as was brought out by the findings of the committee:

1. Annual Conference Recreational Institutes for training leaders who will set up District and Sub-District Recreational Laboratories.
2. Working through students on college campuses of Wesley Foundations, having them go out into the district and work with the local churches.
3. Week-end Recreational Conferences wherein the recreational leaders in local churches would come together.
4. Hire a recreational leader for the conference.
5. Recreation, a specific part of the Crusade for Christ in rehabilitation.
6. Do a good job of recreation in Summer Assemblies.
7. Conference executive secretaries get to work in week-end deputations in needy areas.
8. Church superintendents should be let in the know about program of recreation.
9. It is not necessary to have experts to do the job. Anyone who is fired with enthusiasm can do the job!

(Mrs. Myrtle O. Thomas, Guild Secretary of the Central Jurisdiction, has prepared the Jurisdiction Guild page for this issue.)

## World Day of Prayer

A number of units of the Guild planned a special evening service for employed women on the World Day of Prayer, while a number of Guilds across the country co-operated in evening services with employed women of several denominations.

The more interdenominational co-operation there is today the better. When the service men and women come home tomorrow they will be interested in separate denominations, but in the Christian Church.

## District Guild Meetings

"Thirteen Guilds were represented in our recent city meeting," writes a Guild member, "and it was decided to sponsor a definite project every time we meet, which will be once a quarter. This is, of course, in addition to the regular monthly meetings of the units. Our church is surely taking a great interest in the Guild and our members are a grand lot."

## Out, and In Again

The new quadrennium has brought in many new district and conference Guild secretaries, but some districts and conferences have discovered ways of bringing in again those who have completed their term of office. For example, one district Guild has asked the former Guild secretary to be a member of the district Guild committee. Thus can be capitalized her knowledge of the churches where the Guild should be organized to meet the immediate need of increasing numbers of employed women. She speaks for the Guild and helps with organization and promotion as a valued member of the district Guild committee.

## "Be Still and Know That I Am God"

Father, take my life and hush its fretful din
And fill me with thy strong serenity.
Let there be such a calmness in my life
That fear and hate shall find no place to bide,
And envy, greed, and anger drop away,
Leaving my spirit cool as the fresh dawn.
Great Source of life which gave me brain to think
And hands to work and heart to love and grieve,
Give now the gift that every worker needs
In these mad days when riot rules the world,
That gift without which
Life is waste and void—Help me be Still!

*Author Unknown.*

## WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD OF MISSIONS

**Henrietta Gibson**

CONFERENCE INCOME FOR APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS

| Jurisdiction | Adult | W. S. G. | Paid on Pledge 1944 | Total Pledged 1944 | Student | Youth | Children |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North Central:** | | | | | | | |
| *Dakota | $ 11,154.69 | $ 321.20 | $ 11,475.89 | $ 9,400.00 | ..... | $ 196.85 | $ 110.87 |
| *Detroit | 73,672.43 | 3,650.03 | 77,322.46 | 70,166.00 | $ 15.90 | 2,035.16 | 671.57 |
| *Illinois | 84,007.20 | 4,070.03 | 88,077.23 | 81,000.00 | 42.50 | 2,050.54 | 904.68 |
| *Indiana | 60,912.92 | 3,640.73 | 64,553.65 | 56,300.00 | 15.50 | 1,536.86 | 1,098.85 |
| *Iowa-Des Moines | 59,911.47 | 2,824.36 | 62,735.83 | 52,000.00 | ..... | 1,498.53 | 437.65 |
| *Michigan | 53,605.90 | 3,282.96 | 56,888.86 | 49,000.00 | 23.00 | 1,566.47 | 500.19 |
| *Minnesota | 24,568.67 | 975.00 | 25,543.67 | 21,600.00 | 6.00 | 306.70 | 356.90 |
| *North Dakota | 9,230.33 | 222.20 | 9,452.53 | 8,040.00 | ..... | 203.13 | 152.89 |
| *North Indiana | 53,046.78 | 2,082.44 | 55,129.22 | 45,550.00 | ..... | 2,286.65 | 1,286.78 |
| *North-East Ohio | 119,705.58 | 4,545.42 | 124,251.00 | 111,500.00 | ..... | 2,940.19 | 1,770.42 |
| *Northern Minnesota | 27,491.30 | 1,868.95 | 29,360.25 | 25,483.00 | ..... | 620.99 | 639.94 |
| *Northwest Indiana | 27,790.96 | 1,297.58 | 29,088.54 | 26,775.00 | ..... | 1,478.55 | 494.28 |
| *Northwest Iowa | 26,310.34 | 1,118.81 | 27,429.15 | 24,000.00 | 8.00 | 663.65 | 134.19 |
| Norwegian-Danish | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| *Ohio | 151,239.90 | 6,481.00 | 157,720.90 | 144,500.00 | ..... | 3,303.47 | 1,800.43 |
| *Rock River | 87,363.44 | 5,057.11 | 92,420.55 | 87,811.00 | ..... | 2,051.17 | 953.39 |
| *Southern Illinois | 25,655.77 | 1,782.75 | 27,438.52 | 25,000.00 | ..... | 1,160.47 | 293.01 |
| *Upper Iowa | 33,345.43 | 984.15 | 34,329.58 | 26,875.00 | ..... | 920.07 | 415.29 |
| *West Wisconsin | 13,896.15 | 567.25 | 14,463.40 | 13,000.00 | ..... | 223.39 | 145.61 |
| *Wisconsin | 24,095.65 | 741.01 | 24,836.66 | 22,000.00 | ..... | 347.89 | 185.71 |
| **Total** | $ 967,004.91 | $ 45,512.98 | $1,012,517.89 | $ 900,000.00 | $110.90 | $25,390.73 | $12,352.71 |
| **Northeastern:** | | | | | | | |
| *Baltimore | $ 82,567.42 | $ 1,843.20 | $ 84,410.62 | $ 70,000.00 | $ 20.00 | $ 1,618.90 | $ 366.25 |
| *Central New York | 38,405.48 | 733.04 | 39,138.52 | 35,000.00 | ..... | 398.93 | 141.31 |
| **Central Pennsylvania | 40,609.09 | 760.00 | 41,369.09 | 40,000.00 | ..... | 577.22 | 82.31 |
| East German | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| *Erie | 53,173.00 | 303.50 | 53,476.50 | 48,000.00 | ..... | 609.23 | 522.08 |
| *Genesee | 44,515.04 | 847.15 | 45,362.19 | 38,500.00 | ..... | 679.70 | 264.03 |
| *Maine | 6,644.05 | ..... | 6,644.05 | 6,100.00 | ..... | 70.92 | 14.51 |
| **New England | 26,352.41 | 188.84 | 26,541.25 | 26,500.00 | ..... | 696.15 | 85.96 |
| **New England Southern | 13,811.06 | 653.33 | 14,464.39 | 14,000.00 | ..... | 132.23 | .61 |
| *New Hampshire | 4,645.23 | 102.00 | 4,747.23 | 4,500.00 | ..... | 12.00 | 53.11 |
| *New Jersey | 38,432.89 | 930.58 | 39,363.47 | 30,240.00 | ..... | 928.17 | 212.41 |
| **New York | 26,763.56 | 1,336.44 | 28,100.00 | 28,100.00 | 10.00 | 399.26 | 90.85 |
| **New York East | 36,303.88 | 1,741.87 | 38,045.75 | 37,000.00 | ..... | 224.27 | 272.33 |
| **Newark | 39,091.99 | 1,439.14 | 40,531.13 | 39,000.00 | ..... | 401.69 | 493.69 |
| **Northern New York | 21,630.16 | 394.20 | 22,024.36 | 21,500.00 | 5.00 | 466.14 | 110.21 |
| *Peninsula | 24,268.27 | ..... | 24,268.27 | 22,000.00 | 1.59 | 588.71 | 213.41 |
| *Philadelphia | 64,930.08 | 2,753.15 | 67,683.23 | 58,000.00 | ..... | 1,425.00 | 600.00 |
| *Pittsburgh | 79,643.33 | 1,195.52 | 80,838.85 | 74,000.00 | ..... | 1,719.29 | 1,059.81 |
| **Troy | 32,242.82 | 781.00 | 33,023.82 | 32,500.00 | 5.00 | 336.45 | 171.00 |
| **West Virginia | 63,644.96 | 2,355.04 | 66,000.00 | 63,000.00 | 8.00 | 1,299.59 | 687.81 |
| *Wyoming | 37,188.71 | 4.58 | 37,193.29 | 32,000.00 | ..... | 268.10 | 105.00 |
| Puerto Rico Provisional | 35.00 | ..... | 35.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| **Total** | $ 774,898.43 | $ 18,362.58 | $ 793,261.01 | $ 719,940.00 | $ 49.59 | $12,851.95 | $ 5,547.71 |
| **South Central:** | | | | | | | |
| *Central Kansas | $ 58,085.43 | $ 3,403.05 | $ 61,488.48 | $ 55,000.00 | ..... | $2,106.93 | $ 814.41 |
| *Central Texas | 31,367.38 | 2,062.07 | 33,429.45 | 28,000.00 | ..... | 739.19 | 319.00 |
| *East Oklahoma | 21,065.02 | 1,117.63 | 22,182.65 | 20,950.00 | ..... | 343.18 | 165.51 |
| **Indian Mission | 358.72 | ..... | 358.72 | 350.00 | ..... | ..... | 3.51 |
| **Kansas | 36,749.73 | 2,324.72 | 39,074.45 | 37,800.00 | ..... | 938.07 | 451.00 |
| *Little Rock | 27,851.33 | 1,998.17 | 29,849.50 | 24,626.00 | ..... | 1,128.04 | 43.. |
| *Louisiana | 42,894.37 | 2,893.59 | 45,787.96 | 33,300.00 | $ 10.00 | 725.06 | 119. |
| *Missouri | 17,592.46 | 437.73 | 18,030.19 | 16,350.00 | 5.00 | 184.10 | 93. |
| *Nebraska | 48,104.01 | 1,987.45 | 50,091.46 | 47,250.00 | ..... | 845.41 | 394. |
| *New Mexico | 6,562.36 | 1,443.80 | 8,006.16 | 7,000.00 | ..... | 43.33 | 43. |
| **North Arkansas | 19,515.42 | 2,052.08 | 21,567.50 | 21,525.00 | ..... | 377.91 | 99. |
| North Texas | 31,792.00 | 950.00 | 32,742.00 | 33,225.00 | ..... | 925.00 | 219.. |
| *Northwest Texas | 27,298.39 | 1,321.14 | 28,619.53 | 24,750.00 | ..... | 1,777.90 | 230.. |
| *St. Louis | 27,805.30 | 1,575.40 | 29,380.70 | 27,500.00 | ..... | 243.34 | 180. |
| Southwest Mexican | 408.75 | 5.00 | 413.75 | ..... | ..... | 106.45 | 40.. |
| *Southwest Missouri | 28,913.74 | 2,094.30 | 31,008.04 | 28,350.00 | ..... | 371.30 | 284.. |
| **Southwest Texas | 29,770.20 | 2,415.17 | 32,185.37 | 31,000.00 | ..... | 525.41 | 280. |
| *Texas | 43,641.59 | 2,654.40 | 46,295.99 | 37,565.00 | 3.00 | 1,217.49 | 380.. |
| *West Oklahoma | 31,903.28 | 1,981.72 | 33,885.00 | 31,000.00 | ..... | 419.42 | 267 |
| **Total** | $ 531,679.48 | $ 32,717.42 | $ 564,396.90 | $ 505,541.00 | $ 18.00 | $13,017.53 | $ 4,440.. |
| **Southeastern:** | | | | | | | |
| *Alabama | $ 37,214.15 | $ 2,334.33 | $ 39,548.48 | $ 31,125.00 | $ 3.30 | $ 339.42 | $ 298.. |
| *Florida | 70,609.27 | 3,992.64 | 74,601.91 | 55,500.00 | ..... | 1,852.78 | 242.. |
| *Holston | 37,945.42 | 4,224.58 | 42,170.00 | 40,000.00 | 5.00 | 1,451.24 | 225.. |
| *Kentucky | 28,174.62 | 2,247.07 | 30,421.69 | 27,000.00 | ..... | 445.94 | 308.. |

# PORT FOR YEAR—1944

## CHURCH EXTENSION—THE METHODIST CHURCH

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*Conference Societies which have exceeded their pledges by 5 per cent or more.
**Conference Societies which have paid their total pledge.

| otal for opriations 1944 | Total for Appropriations 1943 | DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS: General Appropriations | Conference Work | Total for Appropriations 1944 | Week of Prayer | Supplies | Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member | Misc. | Total Receipts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11,783.61 | $ 9,872.43 | $ 11,783.61 | ..... | $ 11,783.61 | $ 525.92 | $ 371.20 | $ 25.00 | $ 411.76 | $ 13,117.49 |
| 80,045.09 | 80,954.20 | 76,493.09 | $ 3,552.00 | 80,045.09 | 2,190.65 | 3,503.06 | 50.00 | 901.00 | 86,689.80 |
| 91,074.95 | 81,438.62 | 75,510.68 | 15,564.27 | 91,074.95 | 2,594.57 | 3,055.24 | 61.07 | ..... | 96,785.83 |
| 67,204.86 | 61,122.14 | 63,110.86 | 4,094.00 | 67,204.86 | 2,603.86 | 1,906.01 | 42.20 | 5.00 | 71,761.93 |
| 64,672.01 | 58,839.74 | 60,529.39 | 4,142.62 | 64,672.01 | 1,941.11 | 2,154.76 | 77.32 | 840.22 | 69,685.42 |
| 58,978.52 | 50,789.77 | 56,069.52 | 2,909.00 | 58,978.52 | 2,017.14 | 1,721.89 | 55.36 | 65.25 | 62,838.16 |
| 26,213.27 | 22,512.14 | 25,221.27 | 992.00 | 26,213.27 | 618.37 | 1,064.35 | 20.30 | 20.00 | 27,936.29 |
| 9,808.55 | 8,890.49 | 9,808.55 | ..... | 9,808.55 | 390.65 | 560.35 | 8.59 | 32.50 | 10,800.64 |
| 58,702.65 | 52,959.62 | 52,702.65 | 6,000.00 | 58,702.65 | 3,096.89 | 4,064.39 | 57.33 | 505.00 | 66,426.26 |
| 28,961.61 | 122,817.09 | 107,605.03 | 21,356.58 | 128,961.61 | 3,613.39 | 5,568.91 | 93.12 | 1,031.80 | 139,268.83 |
| 30,621.18 | 29,917.39 | 30,621.18 | ..... | 30,621.18 | 759.19 | 997.40 | 26.72 | ..... | 32,404.49 |
| 31,061.37 | 27,878.91 | 30,915.56 | 145.81 | 31,061.37 | 1,080.72 | 1,263.86 | 46.96 | 30.83 | 33,483.74 |
| 28,234.99 | 24,904.92 | 26,168.99 | 2,066.00 | 28,234.99 | 1,491.61 | 1,218.81 | ..... | 138.00 | 31,083.41 |
| ..... | 1,448.33 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 62,824.82 | 149,024.46 | 146,841.82 | 15,983.00 | 162,824.82 | 3,819.81 | 4,674.82 | 155.00 | 6,100.00 | 177,574.45 |
| 95,425.07 | 92,057.50 | 88,985.07 | 6,440.00 | 95,425.07 | 1,767.85 | 1,486.96 | 68.86 | 325.00 | 99,073.74 |
| 28,892.06 | 27,267.70 | 26,892.06 | 2,000.00 | 28,892.06 | 1,847.21 | 1,827.63 | 25.00 | 15.00 | 32,606.90 |
| 35,664.94 | 31,381.23 | 35,264.94 | 400.00 | 35,664.94 | 1,442.67 | 1,719.38 | 37.50 | 463.00 | 39,327.49 |
| 14,832.44 | 13,972.97 | 13,184.54 | 1,647.90 | 14,832.44 | 410.43 | 632.26 | 24.68 | ..... | 15,899.81 |
| 25,370.30 | 22,406.56 | 25,370.30 | ..... | 25,370.30 | 1,016.26 | 778.92 | 28.97 | 20.00 | 27,214.45 |
| 050,372.29 | $ 970,456.21 | $ 963,079.11 | $ 87,293.18 | $1,050,372.29 | $ 33,228.30 | $ 38,570.20 | $ 903.98 | $ 10,904.36 | $1,133,979.13 |
| 86,415.81 | $ 74,878.27 | $ 77,893.98 | $ 8,521.83 | $ 86,415.81 | $ 3,422.67 | $ 2,102.87 | $ 60.00 | $ 95.00 | $ 92,096.35 |
| 39,678.83 | 37,088.79 | 39,178.83 | 500.00 | 39,678.83 | 748.34 | 1,563.48 | 35.00 | 19.80 | 42,045.45 |
| 42,028.63 | 39,952.75 | 32,845.95 | 9,182.68 | 42,028.63 | 943.43 | 1,712.60 | 45.60 | 146.00 | 44,876.26 |
| ..... | 972.99 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 54,607.81 | 50,272.45 | 39,709.81 | 14,898.00 | 54,607.81 | 1,234.19 | 1,305.63 | 41.60 | 3,288.30 | 60,477.53 |
| 46,305.91 | 40,478.80 | 41,705.91 | 4,600.00 | 46,305.91 | 661.51 | 1,840.26 | 32.21 | 276.00 | 49,115.89 |
| 6,729.55 | 5,425.15 | 6,619.55 | 110.00 | 6,729.55 | 266.07 | 427.45 | 11.55 | ..... | 7,434.62 |
| 27,323.36 | 28,687.41 | 21,323.36 | 6,000.00 | 27,323.36 | 153.64 | 1,158.26 | 27.70 | 80.00 | 28,742.96 |
| 14,597.22 | 13,711.96 | 12,347.22 | 2,250.00 | 14,597.22 | 260.63 | 195.04 | 15.00 | 500.00 | 15,567.89 |
| 4,812.34 | 4,280.91 | 4,812.34 | ..... | 4,812.34 | 158.30 | 94.25 | 8.75 | ..... | 5,073.64 |
| 40,504.11 | 31,678.23 | 37,004.12 | 3,499.99 | 40,504.11 | 603.47 | 982.39 | 37.40 | 35.00 | 42,162.37 |
| 28,600.15 | 24,786.82 | 28,600.15 | ..... | 28,600.15 | 480.20 | 899.76 | 21.13 | 35.00 | 30,036.24 |
| 38,542.34 | 37,055.65 | 36,075.67 | 2,466.67 | 38,542.34 | 707.20 | 739.20 | 34.20 | 107.60 | 40,130.54 |
| 41,426.49 | 39,913.87 | 38,726.49 | 2,700.00 | 41,426.49 | 784.55 | 948.13 | 40.00 | 3,377.00 | 46,576.17 |
| 22,605.74 | 22,082.13 | 22,605.74 | ..... | 22,605.74 | 547.87 | 648.65 | 22.00 | 5,486.31 | 29,310.57 |
| 25,071.99 | 22,622.87 | 21,022.20 | 4,049.79 | 25,071.99 | 927.25 | 690.07 | 41.92 | ..... | 26,731.23 |
| 69,708.23 | 61,060.00 | 59,063.94 | 10,644.29 | 69,708.23 | 1,238.85 | 2,054.19 | 41.69 | 87.00 | 73,129.96 |
| 83,617.96 | 79,481.58 | 71,552.96 | 12,065.00 | 83,617.96 | 2,692.74 | 1,534.00 | 57.70 | 2,452.14 | 90,354.54 |
| 33,536.92 | 32,902.94 | 33,536.92 | ..... | 33,536.92 | 667.82 | 716.20 | 38.11 | 10.00 | 34,969.05 |
| 67,995.47 | 62,069.35 | 59,795.47 | 8,200.00 | 67,995.47 | 6,950.18 | 5,206.22 | 64.03 | ..... | 80,215.90 |
| 37,566.48 | 34,892.78 | 32,366.48 | 5,200.00 | 37,566.48 | 467.14 | 642.89 | 35.00 | ..... | 38,711.51 |
| 35.00 | 40.00 | 35.00 | ..... | 35.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 35.00 |
| 811,710.34 | $ 744,335.70 | $ 716,822.09 | $ 94,888.25 | $ 811,710.34 | $ 23,916.05 | $ 25,461.54 | $ 710.59 | $ 15,995.15 | $ 877,793.67 |
| 64,409.86 | $ 58,086.64 | $ 61,734.86 | $ 2,675.00 | $ 64,409.86 | $ 2,803.91 | $ 5,263.83 | $ 60.00 | $ 866.64 | $ 73,404.24 |
| 34,488.33 | 30,133.82 | 34,488.33 | ..... | 34,488.33 | 4,238.32 | 2,496.66 | 20.40 | 265.02 | 41,508.73 |
| 22,691.41 | 20,391.94 | 22,691.41 | ..... | 22,691.41 | 2,778.44 | 2,172.06 | 17.68 | ..... | 27,659.59 |
| 362.54 | 360.57 | 362.54 | ..... | 362.54 | 44.39 | ..... | 3.34 | ..... | 410.27 |
| 40,463.58 | 39,446.23 | 37,243.58 | 3,220.00 | 40,463.58 | 1,604.90 | 2,879.07 | 53.00 | 1,187.00 | 46,187.55 |
| 31,020.88 | 26,567.39 | 31,020.88 | ..... | 31,020.88 | 3,101.32 | 2,830.74 | 19.03 | 1.00 | 36,972.97 |
| 46,642.23 | 36,811.24 | 46,642.23 | ..... | 46,642.23 | 4,641.10 | 7,685.42 | 23.20 | 5.00 | 58,996.95 |
| 18,313.25 | 16,405.39 | 18,313.25 | ..... | 18,313.25 | 2,100.08 | 1,315.32 | 20.56 | 182.02 | 21,931.23 |
| 51,331.10 | 47,491.37 | 47,131.10 | 4,200.00 | 51,331.10 | 2,616.31 | 3,392.59 | 60.00 | 230.00 | 57,630.00 |
| 8,093.03 | 8,169.05 | 8,093.03 | ..... | 8,093.03 | 1,994.68 | 727.54 | 10.00 | 70.00 | 10,895.25 |
| 22,045.32 | 20,996.41 | 22,045.32 | ..... | 22,045.32 | 2,941.89 | 2,236.05 | 25.00 | 4,148.05 | 31,396.31 |
| 33,886.00 | 29,569.20 | 33,886.00 | ..... | 33,886.00 | 5,377.49 | 3,117.66 | 22.50 | 5,703.17 | 48,106.82 |
| 30,628.05 | 25,600.11 | 30,628.05 | ..... | 30,628.05 | 5,690.22 | 6,011.00 | 17.87 | ..... | 42,347.14 |
| 29,804.48 | 26,370.92 | 29,804.48 | ..... | 29,804.48 | 2,662.78 | 2,276.20 | 25.00 | ..... | 34,768.46 |
| 560.45 | 516.51 | 560.45 | ..... | 560.45 | 423.43 | 7.50 | ..... | ..... | 991.38 |
| 31,663.60 | 27,832.31 | 29,413.60 | 2,250.00 | 31,663.60 | 2,371.15 | 2,671.21 | 29.41 | 124.00 | 36,859.37 |
| 32,999.87 | 32,117.62 | 32,999.87 | ..... | 32,999.87 | 5,565.18 | 3,283.35 | ..... | 1.00 | 41,849.40 |
| 47,896.96 | 39,338.67 | 47,896.96 | ..... | 47,896.96 | 6,669.85 | 6,314.83 | 26.95 | 10.72 | 60,919.31 |
| 34,572.25 | 31,745.78 | 34,572.25 | ..... | 34,572.25 | 3,374.26 | 2,793.17 | 28.08 | 45.00 | 40,812.76 |
| 81,873.19 | $ 517,951.17 | $ 569,528.19 | $ 12,345.00 | $ 581,873.19 | $ 60,999.70 | $ 57,474.20 | $ 462.02 | $ 12,838.62 | $ 713,647.73 |
| 40,190.14 | $ 31,614.66 | $ 40,190.14 | ..... | $ 40,190.14 | $ 8,933.90 | $ 1,541.98 | ..... | $ 844.01 | $ 51,510.03 |
| 76,697.66 | 56,564.69 | 76,697.66 | ..... | 76,697.66 | 6,902.18 | 8,644.31 | $40.00 | 257.00 | 92,541.15 |
| 43,851.81 | 42,516.29 | 43,851.81 | ..... | 43,851.81 | 9,508.10 | 1,681.26 | 38.00 | 1,031.12 | 56,110.29 |
| 31,176.37 | 26,471.84 | 31,176.37 | ..... | 31,176.37 | 3,642.26 | 1,248.16 | 23.10 | 3.00 | 36,092.89 |

## WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD OF MISSIONS

Henrietta Gibson

| Jurisdiction | CONFERENCE INCOME FOR APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Adult | W. S. G. | Paid on Pledge 1944 | Total Pledged 1944 | Student | Youth | Children |
| **Southeastern (Continued):** | | | | | | | |
| *Louisville | 23,211.69 | 2,235.36 | 25,447.05 | 24,000.00 | ..... | 893.17 | 105.6 |
| *Memphis | 37,419.96 | 2,633.32 | 40,053.28 | 33,075.00 | ..... | 528.98 | 202.1 |
| *Mississippi | 32,687.98 | 1,778.07 | 34,466.05 | 27,000.00 | ..... | 1,236.18 | 96.3 |
| *North Alabama | 52,716.19 | 3,071.64 | 55,787.83 | 40,000.00 | ..... | 1,235.40 | 250.1 |
| *North Carolina | 52,851.98 | 4,472.98 | 57,324.96 | 46,200.00 | ..... | 974.77 | 310.1 |
| *North Georgia | 57,308.44 | 7,728.49 | 65,036.93 | 55,000.00 | ..... | 1,214.10 | 790.0 |
| *North Mississippi | 25,636.69 | 1,398.34 | 27,035.03 | 23,000.00 | ..... | 871.33 | 148.1 |
| *South Carolina | 27,957.94 | 1,226.46 | 29,184.40 | 25,400.00 | ..... | 783.20 | 69.9 |
| *South Georgia | 61,120.15 | 3,658.76 | 64,778.91 | 52,500.00 | ..... | 961.34 | 88.5 |
| *Tennessee | 34,187.72 | 2,612.28 | 36,800.00 | 32,000.00 | 3.00 | 777.77 | 177.7 |
| *Upper South Carolina | 29,311.06 | 1,798.19 | 31,109.25 | 26,500.00 | ..... | 349.38 | 95.4 |
| *Virginia | 102,210.12 | 2,551.58 | 104,761.70 | 72,000.00 | ..... | 4,206.18 | 237.7 |
| *Western North Carolina | 62,577.20 | 6,188.22 | 68,765.42 | 55,500.00 | ..... | 1,522.22 | 191.3 |
| **Total** | $ 773,140.58 | $ 54,152.31 | $ 827,292.89 | $ 665,800.00 | $ 11.30 | $19,643.40 | $ 3,839.4 |
| **Western:** | | | | | | | |
| Alaska Mission | $ 211.85 | ..... | $ 211.85 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| *California | 43,004.30 | $ 1,723.25 | 44,727.55 | $ 38,060.00 | ..... | $ 915.22 | $ 358.1 |
| *Colorado | 22,778.39 | 1,739.17 | 24,517.56 | 21,000.00 | ..... | 315.11 | 351.0 |
| *Idaho | 6,456.92 | 316.99 | 6,773.91 | 5,555.00 | ..... | 151.50 | 151.7 |
| *Montana | 7,615.69 | 344.33 | 7,960.02 | 7,000.00 | ..... | 144.69 | 148.0 |
| *Oregon | 21,252.27 | 1,044.90 | 22,297.17 | 17,000.00 | ..... | 486.88 | 228.0 |
| *Pacific Northwest | 35,634.81 | 1,338.52 | 36,973.33 | 31,800.00 | ..... | 629.56 | 498.5 |
| *Southern California-Arizona | 134,079.11 | 4,409.08 | 138,488.19 | 115,000.00 | $ 5.00 | 1,750.41 | 969.0 |
| Utah | 867.08 | 21.25 | 888.33 | ..... | ..... | 54.37 | 11.0 |
| *Wyoming State | 3,360.50 | 139.50 | 3,500.00 | 2,800.00 | ..... | 32.74 | ..... |
| **Total** | $ 275,260.92 | $ 11,076.99 | $ 286,337.91 | $ 238,215.00 | $ 5.00 | $ 4,480.48 | $ 2,718.0 |
| **Central:** | | | | | | | |
| **Atlanta | $ 817.46 | $ 83.00 | $ 900.46 | $ 900.00 | ..... | $ 25.31 | $ 4.0 |
| *Central Alabama | 818.46 | 8.00 | 826.46 | 700.00 | ..... | 20.60 | 54.. |
| **Central West | 537.50 | 12.50 | 550.00 | 550.00 | ..... | 91.55 | 5.0 |
| *Delaware | 3,759.40 | 176.75 | 3,936.15 | 3,600.00 | ..... | 222.73 | 40.. |
| *East Tennessee | 717.25 | 10.00 | 727.25 | 500.00 | ..... | 57.62 | 6.0 |
| *Florida | 360.00 | 66.80 | 426.80 | 280.00 | ..... | 45.58 | 5.0 |
| **Lexington | 3,645.15 | 355.85 | 4,001.00 | 4,000.00 | ..... | 32.00 | 19.. |
| Louisiana | 1,120.92 | 25.00 | 1,145.92 | 1,415.00 | ..... | 102.00 | 16.. |
| *Mississippi | 399.67 | ..... | 399.67 | 380.00 | ..... | ..... | 16.. |
| **North Carolina | 874.50 | 25.50 | 900.00 | 882.00 | ..... | 59.85 | 59.. |
| *Savannah | 277.85 | 1.00 | 278.85 | 265.00 | $ 4.90 | 10.80 | 5.. |
| South Carolina | 700.32 | 25.50 | 725.82 | 800.00 | 2.00 | 47.65 | 24.. |
| South Florida | 200.00 | ..... | 200.00 | 220.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Southwest | 352.00 | 26.50 | 378.50 | 425.00 | ..... | 2.50 | ..... |
| *Tennessee | 810.00 | 37.00 | 847.00 | 500.00 | ..... | 31.34 | 18.. |
| *Texas | 1,136.40 | 89.50 | 1,225.90 | 888.00 | 2.00 | 61.50 | 24.. |
| *Upper Mississippi | 238.90 | ..... | 238.90 | 200.00 | 3.80 | 20.00 | ..... |
| *Washington | 3,522.13 | 459.98 | 3,982.11 | 2,400.00 | 10.00 | 86.20 | 84.. |
| West Texas | 306.00 | 29.00 | 335.00 | 535.00 | ..... | 45.22 | 5.. |
| **Total** | $ 20,593.91 | $ 1,431.88 | $ 22,025.79 | $ 19,440.00 | $ 22.70 | $ 962.45 | $ 386.. |
| **China Mission** | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| **Cuba Mission** | $ 32.80 | ..... | $ 32.80 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| **Hawaii** | $ 823.90 | ..... | $ 823.90 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| **Uruguay** | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| **Totals from Conferences** | $3,343,434.93 | $ 163,254.16 | $3,506,689.09 | $3,048,936.00 | †$217.49 | $76,346.54 | $29,285.5 |
| **Other Income for Appropriations:** | | | | | | | |
| Deaconess Pensions | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Enrolled Missionary Pension Fund | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Missionary and Deaconess Temporary Disability Fund | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Income from Uniting Organizations | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| **Other Designated Expendable Receipts:** | | | | | | | |
| Institutional Income | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Miscellaneous | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Refunds | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Transients | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| **Grand Total** | $3,343,434.93 | $ 163,254.16 | $3,506,689.09 | $3,048,936.00 | $217.49 | $76,346.54 | $29,285.5 |

†The greater part of this fund is sent directly to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

# PORT FOR YEAR—1944

## CHURCH EXTENSION—THE METHODIST CHURCH

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*Conference Societies which have exceeded their pledges by 5 per cent or more.
**Conference Societies which have paid their total pledge.

| otal for opriations 1944 | Total for Appropriations 1943 | DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS: General Appropriations | Conference Work | Total for Appropriations 1944 | Week of Prayer | Supplies | Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member | Misc. | Total Receipts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26,445.82 | 24,595.76 | 26,445.82 | ..... | 26,445.82 | 4,265.68 | 1,069.25 | 19.66 | 3.73 | 31,804.14 |
| 40,784.45 | 37,857.62 | 40,784.45 | ..... | 40,784.45 | 6,578.42 | 2,352.28 | 27.60 | 135.50 | 49,878.25 |
| 35,798.55 | 25,841.02 | 35,798.55 | ..... | 35,798.55 | 5,039.58 | 4,471.42 | 20.00 | 69.00 | 45,398.55 |
| 57,273.39 | 41,025.35 | 57,273.39 | ..... | 57,273.39 | 5,374.04 | 3,358.99 | ..... | 19.50 | 66,025.92 |
| 58,609.83 | 49,281.72 | 58,609.83 | ..... | 58,609.83 | 8,183.30 | 3,998.01 | 44.15 | 855.75 | 71,691.04 |
| 67,041.07 | 60,145.41 | 61,789.71 | $ 5,251.36 | 67,041.07 | 5,333.42 | 3,914.00 | 125.00 | 1,856.00 | 78,269.49 |
| 28,054.46 | 24,564.08 | 28,054.46 | ..... | 28,054.46 | 4,128.92 | 2,490.10 | 17.85 | ..... | 34,691.33 |
| 30,037.52 | 26,311.97 | 30,037.52 | ..... | 30,037.52 | 3,357.24 | 1,225.69 | ..... | 32.40 | 34,652.85 |
| 65,828.77 | 53,931.22 | 65,828.77 | ..... | 65,828.77 | 6,939.25 | 3,335.13 | 32.00 | 830.00 | 76,965.15 |
| 37,758.52 | 32,761.71 | 31,458.54 | 6,299.98 | 37,758.52 | 4,087.95 | 1,423.27 | 21.94 | ..... | 43,291.68 |
| 31,554.12 | 27,183.72 | 31,554.12 | ..... | 31,554.12 | 3,669.88 | 3,272.75 | 26.23 | 2,271.78 | 40,794.76 |
| 109,205.65 | 84,622.92 | 109,205.65 | ..... | 109,205.65 | 13,617.25 | 5,162.24 | 85.43 | 134.90 | 128,205.47 |
| 70,478.94 | 64,385.05 | 70,478.94 | ..... | 70,478.94 | 6,263.29 | 5,199.80 | 48.49 | 635.20 | 82,625.72 |
| 850,787.07 | $ 709,675.03 | $ 839,235.73 | $ 11,551.34 | $ 850,787.07 | $ 105,824.66 | $ 54,388.64 | $ 569.45 | $ 8,978.89 | $1,020,548.71 |
| 211.85 | $ 91.00 | $ 211.85 | ..... | $ 211.85 | $ 12.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | $ 223.85 |
| 46,000.90 | 42,172.74 | 44,800.90 | $ 1,200.00 | 46,000.90 | 2,072.77 | $ 2,632.77 | $ 36.34 | $ 267.00 | 51,009.78 |
| 25,184.27 | 23,508.87 | 21,496.36 | 3,687.91 | 25,184.27 | 850.05 | 1,628.46 | 30.00 | 3,455.76 | 31,148.54 |
| 7,077.13 | 6,385.39 | 7,077.13 | ..... | 7,077.13 | 295.99 | 390.50 | 4.89 | 7.00 | 7,775.51 |
| 8,253.32 | 7,145.85 | 8,003.32 | 250.00 | 8,253.32 | 325.32 | 474.38 | 9.05 | 54.24 | 9,116.31 |
| 23,012.10 | 19,717.61 | 22,012.10 | 1,000.00 | 23,012.10 | 972.69 | 1,115.56 | 18.55 | ..... | 25,118.90 |
| 38,101.44 | 31,458.21 | 32,910.79 | 5,190.65 | 38,101.44 | 1,590.92 | 2,799.07 | 28.55 | 166.15 | 42,686.13 |
| 141,213.24 | 145,325.79 | 97,769.68 | 43,443.56 | 141,213.24 | 3,939.43 | 5,835.10 | 60.00 | 4,071.00 | 155,118.77 |
| 953.70 | 875.32 | 953.70 | ..... | 953.70 | 43.91 | 25.15 | .60 | ..... | 1,023.36 |
| 3,533.52 | 3,298.02 | 3,533.52 | ..... | 3,533.52 | 183.99 | 38.00 | 4.00 | ..... | 3,759.51 |
| 293,541.47 | $ 279,978.80 | $ 238,769.35 | $ 54,772.12 | $ 293,541.47 | $ 10,287.07 | $ 14,938.99 | $ 191.98 | $ 8,021.15 | $ 326,980.66 |
| 929.77 | $ 662.90 | $ 929.77 | ..... | $ 929.77 | $ 19.00 | $ 88.50 | $ 3.46 | $ 275.00 | $ 1,315.73 |
| 901.56 | 840.79 | 901.56 | ..... | 901.56 | 19.40 | 22.50 | 1.66 | ..... | 945.12 |
| 646.55 | 605.34 | 646.55 | ..... | 646.55 | 81.99 | 1.25 | 2.10 | ..... | 731.89 |
| 4,199.71 | 3,594.24 | 3,043.24 | $ 1,156.47 | 4,199.71 | 245.94 | 80.00 | 10.00 | ..... | 4,535.65 |
| 790.92 | 615.50 | 790.92 | ..... | 790.92 | 60.70 | ..... | 6.19 | 12.25 | 870.06 |
| 477.38 | 371.17 | 477.38 | ..... | 477.38 | 1.11 | ..... | 2.50 | ..... | 480.99 |
| 4,052.00 | 2,228.16 | 4,052.00 | ..... | 4,052.00 | 25.00 | 65.00 | 15.00 | ..... | 4,157.00 |
| 1,263.92 | 890.71 | 1,263.92 | ..... | 1,263.92 | 25.45 | 43.00 | 3.00 | ..... | 1,335.37 |
| 415.67 | 420.00 | 415.67 | ..... | 415.67 | 70.00 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | 490.67 |
| 1,019.10 | 947.50 | 1,019.10 | ..... | 1,019.10 | 65.98 | 115.10 | 5.00 | ..... | 1,205.18 |
| 299.55 | 285.00 | 299.55 | ..... | 299.55 | 40.65 | 59.75 | 1.50 | ..... | 401.45 |
| 799.97 | 854.19 | 799.97 | ..... | 799.97 | 72.15 | 26.01 | 26.10 | 4.00 | 928.23 |
| 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | ..... | 200.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200.00 |
| 381.00 | 338.00 | 381.00 | ..... | 381.00 | 7.00 | ..... | 1.25 | ..... | 389.25 |
| 896.34 | 535.00 | 896.34 | ..... | 896.34 | 21.13 | 90.08 | 2.50 | ..... | 1,010.05 |
| 1,313.40 | 1,209.60 | 1,313.40 | ..... | 1,313.40 | 121.09 | 93.80 | 4.15 | ..... | 1,532.44 |
| 262.70 | 66.10 | 262.70 | ..... | 262.70 | 7.60 | ..... | 2.40 | ..... | 272.70 |
| 4,162.36 | 3,510.00 | 4,162.36 | ..... | 4,162.36 | 141.98 | 136.00 | 11.00 | ..... | 4,451.34 |
| 385.22 | 214.91 | 385.22 | ..... | 385.22 | 73.97 | 57.50 | 5.00 | ..... | 521.69 |
| 23,397.12 | $ 18,389.11 | $ 22,240.65 | $ 1,156.47 | $ 23,397.12 | $ 1,100.14 | $ 883.49 | $ 102.81 | $ 291.25 | $ 25,774.81 |
| ..... | $ 270.57 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 32.80 | ..... | $ 32.80 | ..... | $ 32.80 | $ 91.18 | ..... | ..... | ..... | $ 123.98 |
| 823.90 | $ 856.58 | $ 823.90 | ..... | $ 823.90 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $ 823.90 |
| ..... | $ 18.27 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 612,538.18 | $3,241,931.44 | $3,350,531.82 | $ 262,006.36 | $3,612,538.18 | $ 235,447.10 | $191,717.06 | $ 2,940.83 | $ 57,029.42 | $4,099,672.59 |
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| | | $ 84,173.60 | | $ 84,173.60 | | | | | |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 354,049.12 | 354,049.12 |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 52.89 | 719.55 | 80.00 | 44,380.80 | 45,233.24 |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 43,285.78 | 43,285.78 |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 101,619.70 | 101,619.70 |
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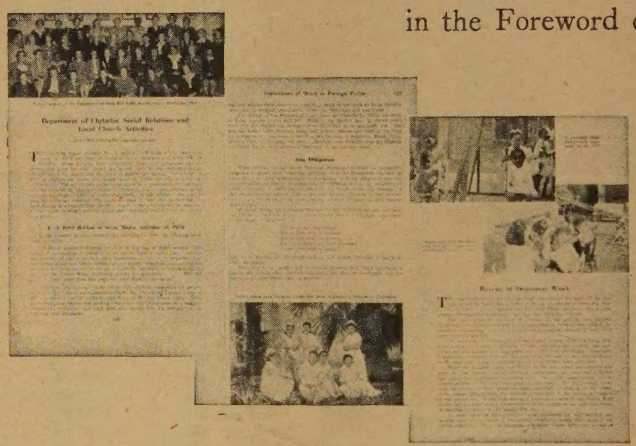

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